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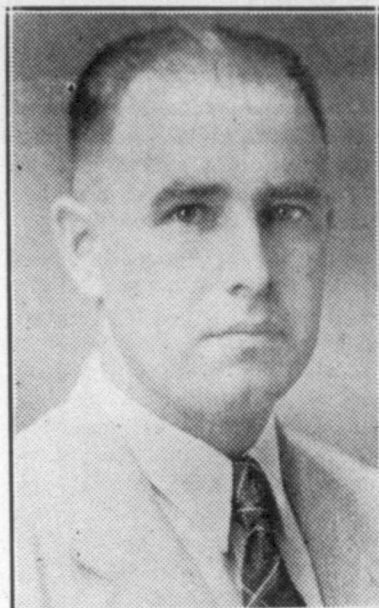
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First Baptist Church
Water Valley, Miss.

By Aubrey B. Hill

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WATER VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

By Miss Clyde Adams

Nearly seven decades ago there were a few members of the body of Christ of Baptist faith living in the town of Water Valley. They were weak in numbers but strong in faith and good works. God in His infinite wisdom filled them with some of the characteristics of the early church, recorded in the book of Acts: brotherly love, good will, loyalty, prayer and service. They had a vision of the Fatherhood of God, the Sonship of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of man. They had no organization or house of worship. They well knew, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen." The prayer of faith of this little band of loyal followers of Christ was soon answered. A ray of hope soon filled their souls, and the fires of their zeal and enthusiasm were kindled anew.

Rev. E. W. Dupuy, a minister of the Baptist faith, moved into the little town of Water valley. He built a home, afterwards known as the Q. Gray home. It was built on Dupuy Street, a street named for the honored and venerable old character, so loved by all who happened to know him.

Rev. Dupuy organized the Baptist families into the Water Valley Baptist Church, and a small unpainted building was erected on the lot, afterwards known as the Dr. Shaffner lot. "The little church on the Hill" nestled at the top of the street, now known as Church Street. Rev. E. W. Dupuy, the church's pioneer pastor, died March 17, 1877. God blessed him materially, mentally and spiritually. He was a man of knowledge, a messenger of peace, and a bearer of comfort and cheer. Peace be to his memory! The earliest pastors of this little church were: E. W. Dupuy, Reuben Hewlette, father of J. R. G. Hewlette, who was later pastor also, and H. W. Rockett. Some of the charter members of this little church were the Crosbys, Shaws, Bartletttes, Jarmons, Teases, Simpsons, Bowens and Blackwells. Among later members of this church

were the Royals, Fulmers, Holcombes, and Brooks. A few years ago, some of the old members could recall the baptismal pool that nestled beneath the bluff, just back of the store, then known as the Duncan-Mayes building.

From the nucleus of this small membership, under the guidance of its pastors, and the blessings of God, the membership grew rapidly. It became necessary to build a larger and more commodious house of worship. The women organized themselves into a missionary society. The first proceeds of their work went to the new building. The people gave gladly and willingly of their material blessings, remembering that "God loveth a cheerful giver." We are told that John M. Shaw and his wife, out of the magnanimity and liberality of their hearts, donated the site on which this new church was erected. The building was a neat wooden structure, painted, and beautifully finished inside and out. Mr. C. Crosby donated and constructed the baptistry at his own expense. This new church building was completed and occupied about 1875. The first service in the new church was one of song and praise and thanksgiving. Many new families had moved into town and had identified themselves with this church.

Among the membership were the Crosbys, Simpsons, Shaws, Taylors, Holcombes, Royals, Pearsons, Fulmers, Teases, Jennings, Boydsons, Adams, Kennedys, Alingers, Bristers, Hills, Grays, Nashes, Brooks, Collins, Gooches, Hales, Grandberrys, Chapmans, Avents, Johnsons, Tarvers, Tatums, Blounts, Hellums, Wilkes, and Bartletttes. God blessed the labors of this church abundantly.

Again it became necessary to erect a new building to accommodate the overflowing membership. A massive brick building was erected on the same site, originally donated by the Shaws. This new building was erected in 1897. The cornerstone has inscribed on it, January 26, 1897. Capt. Z. D. Jennings, a man of broad philanthropy and unbounded charity, a tower of strength in his denomination, was an outstanding figure in making possible the present struc-

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"It only takes a little love to make a life more sweet,

It only takes a little cheer to make the day complete,

It only takes a little smile to brighten up the way,

But there's a lot of each you've given us today."

There comes a time in all our lives of seed time and harvest time, and as we sow, so shall we reap. Rev. W. C. Howard is now reaping a beautiful harvest from his labor of love and cheer, as pastor of Water Valley Baptist Church during these ten months.

He has had the vision to discover an avenue of progress, the courage to explore it with determination and devotion, and the magnetism to draw others along the same line toward the goal—a labor of love and service for the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—whom the church represents.

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W. C. HOWARD

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Rev. W. C. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Howard, was born in Iredell County, North Carolina. He was educated in the public schools of Harmony, N. C., graduating from Harmony High School in May, 1921. On June 19, 1921, he was licensed to preach by Gay Chapel Baptist Church, South Yadkin Association, North Carolina, and was ordained for the ministry by the same church in the summer of 1922. He was Sunday school superintendent of this church three years.

On July 24, 1921, he married Beulah Barker of Winston-Salem, N. C. To this union two sons have been born, William Clyde, Jr., March 1, 1925, and William Barker, November 13, 1927.

Rev. Howard entered Wake Forest College, Sept. 5, 1921, and graduated with a B. A. degree, June 6, 1924. While in college, he served as full time pastor of the Olive Chapel Baptist Church. This church had an enrollment of 800 members; the Sunday school, 500.

Desiring to better prepare himself for the ministry, he tendered his resignation to this church, and entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, in September, 1924. On May 3, 1927, he received his Th.M. degree from this institution. While at the Seminary, he served as pastor, respectively, of Cove Hill Baptist Church, which was quarter time, and of the English Baptist Church, English, Ky., which was half time. While serving these churches, along with his Seminary studies, he secured valuable training in meeting the problems of the pastorate.

Upon his graduation from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he received a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Flora, Mississippi. He and his splendid family turned their faces southward and cast their lot with the good people of Mississippi. He served as pastor of the Flora church about three and a half years.

From that pastorate, he moved to Forest, Miss. This was a pastorate of six successful and blessed years. The church made steady growth. There were 275 additions to the church. The Sunday school reached and maintained the A-1 standard. During this pastorate, Rev. Howard held 26 revival meetings in Scott County, with 230 additions to the churches. He held 15 meetings outside Scott County, with 388 members added to the enrollment of the 15 churches. God blessed his pastorate with an increase of 890 souls to the kingdom of God's work.

On Sept. 2, 1936, Rev. Howard became pastor of Water Valley Baptist Church. He, his splendid and capable wife, and two sons, have endeared themselves to the hearts of the people. They have made many personal contacts through their visits to the homes, the schools and the Water Valley Hospital. They have enlisted the interest and cooperation of the church. One hundred twenty-five have been added to the membership. The attendance upon prayer meeting has reached the high number of 325. The Sunday school enrollment is 487. Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Howard have labored quietly and efficiently. God has blessed, abundantly, their labors. May God, in His wisdom and mercy, continue to bless them. Gratitude is the fairest flower that blooms in the soul of man. The church is grateful to God for sending the W. C. Howard family to the Water Valley Baptist Church.

Rev. Howard has served on the advisory board of Hillman College for a period of eight years. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Hospital for nine years.

George F. Baker, largest stockholder in First National Bank of New York City, recently left at his death \$15,000,000 in trust to be used for religious, educational and charitable purposes.

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ture. He was always ready to assist in every undertaking of the church.

The work of the church progressed under the leadership of its ministers, and the town began to grow rapidly during these years. Under superintendents of the Sunday school, the church school grew rapidly in numbers and spirit. Some years later, under the inspiration of God, and the leadership of H. J. Jennings, superintendent of the Sunday school at that time, the church undertook the construction of the annex, which contains a small assembly hall, the pastor's study, ladies' parlor, and about twenty classrooms. Some years later, the dirt under the church was excavated, and an assembly hall with a number of rooms was constructed. The dirt was excavated and removed by the young men of the church, who, after a day of work at their various vocations, assembled at the church with their picks, shovels, and wheelbarrows, and worked, often, into the wee hours of the night. The women served suppers and pitchers of ice water from time to time. The basement is a memorial to the young men of the church, many of whom have grown old with years. How much more sensible, how much more beautiful than "polished shaft or sculptured column!" Be it said: much inspiration for this work is due to Mr. W. W. Nash, teacher of the young men's class at that time.

The pastors of the church since the earliest church was constructed are as follows: Rev. E. W. Dupuy, Reuben Hewlet, H. W. Rockett, Zealey, Von Kohn, W. T. Hudson, E. L. Wesson, M. K. Thornton, E. L. Wesson, Shuck, Glenn, Robinson, J. L. Low, W. J. Derrick, N. R. Stone, A. A. Walker, J. R. G. Hewlet, Wayne Alliston, J. G. Lott, J. M. Metts, and W. C. Howard.

Four outstanding superintendents of the Sunday school marked by length of service, are: A. E. Jennings, H. J. Jennings, B. F. Tatum and W. B. Hunter.

Rev. J. M. Metts served the church as its pastor for a period of about eight years, preceding the pastorate of Rev. W. C. Howard, who arrived on the field about Sept. 1, 1936, and is, at present, its pastor. As Rev. J. M. Metts came on the field, his challenging words were: "Let us make anew our vows of faithfulness, and render our services rich and sweet in the spirit of devotion to our Lord." His was a very long and fruitful pastorate. He lived and taught the principles of the Christian religion. Under the leadership of Rev. J. M. Metts, the church grew in spirit, strength, and wisdom. The church was blessed with his Christ-like life and good gospel preaching. On account of failing health, he tendered his resignation to the church in the summer of 1936.

On September 1, 1936, Rev. W. C. Howard and family, of Forest, Mississippi, moved into Water Valley to assume the pastorate of the Baptist Church. The history of this church since that time has been one of reconsecration, rededication and growth of its membership, the adornment and redecoration of the church building and the pastorium. The spirit of loyalty and cooperation in every forward movement and worthy undertaking of Rev. W. C. Howard has been beautiful and sacred. The spirit manifested by the membership is portrayed in the words, "Where He leads, I will follow." The reasons are these: first, the pastor has given himself and his family to the Lord; second, the pastor and his family have given themselves to the church which represents the Lord. The membership of the Sunday school is 487; the church, 910. This church has had the happy privilege of ordaining four men for the ministry, namely: Aubry Hill, W. A. Green, Paul Kiihnl, and Rev. Vincent.

This church has its joys and its sorrows; its

fears and its longings, but how beautiful is the tie that binds, the tie that will stand the test. All those untiring workers, who have gone on before, have already heard the benediction of the Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Those who live, continue to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Following is a list of the church officers:

Pastor—Rev. W. C. Howard.

Deacons—W. B. Hunter, Butler, Vanderburg, W. J. Tipler, Claude Hale, W. T. Trusty, and G. R. Wood.

Church Clerk—S. H. Hamblett.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. B. Atkinson.

Financial Secretary—Mrs. J. A. Ramey.

Church Trustee—Butler Vanderberg.

Chairman of Ushers—L. H. Baggett.

S. S. Superintendent—C. H. Wood.

B. T. U. Director—K. R. Cofer.

President W. M. U.—Mrs. J. G. Carpenter.

Choir Director—A. A. Walker.

Assistant Choir Director—W. B. Hunter.

Organist—Mrs. C. C. Stacy.

Assistant Organist—Cecil Bolton.

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HIGH-LIGHTS IN THE WATER VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

By Paul Kiihnl

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Since brother Howard's acceptance of the pastorate of the Water Valley Baptist Church on Sept. 2, 1936, there have been 131 additions to the church and a large percentage of the number have been by baptism. For the first few months after his coming there were additions at every service of the church, the prayer meeting included.

Soon after brother Howard moved on the field two new classes were organized in the Sunday school. One for young men, and one for the younger women. These classes have grown until they now boast of a membership of over 140.

There has been an increase in attendance upon all of the services of the church, including the worship service, Sunday school, B. T. U., and the prayer meeting. The prayer meeting has averaged an attendance of 125 for the ten months of his pastorate.

A good wide awake B. A. U. has been organized, with a membership of over thirty, and from the first this adult union has done good work. It has met an outstanding need in our church life.

There have been extensive repairs made in the Primary, Beginners, Cradle Roll, Intermediate and Young People's Departments of the Sunday school. All of which adds to the attractiveness of the departments, and is of itself a manifestation of the interest shown. A kitchen has also been equipped with oil stove and everything that it takes to prepare an appetizing meal.

Our baptistry leaked so badly that it, too, was relined with copper and worked over so that satisfactory service will be rendered in the future.

Our church organ has been worked over also, and plans are now under way to recarpet our auditorium. When this shall have been done our auditorium will be more attractive.

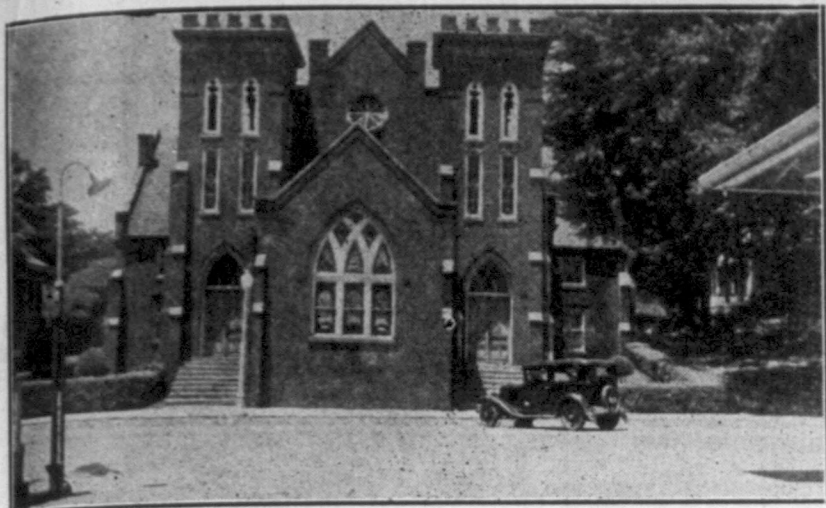
The church collections have shown an increase every month over the previous month with the exception of one month.

We rejoice together to see the work carried on in such a wonderful way in the last ten months, and yet there is much to be done. Let us continue to pray, work harder, and heed the admonition, "Go forward." Pray for us and watch us grow.

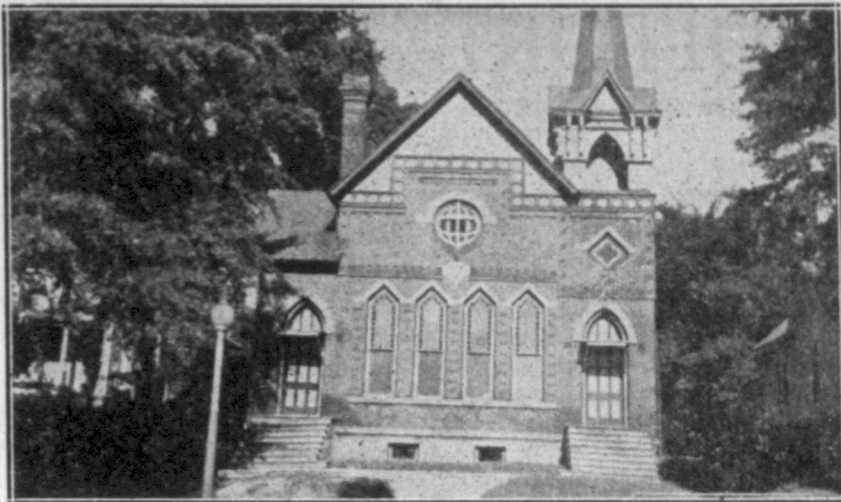
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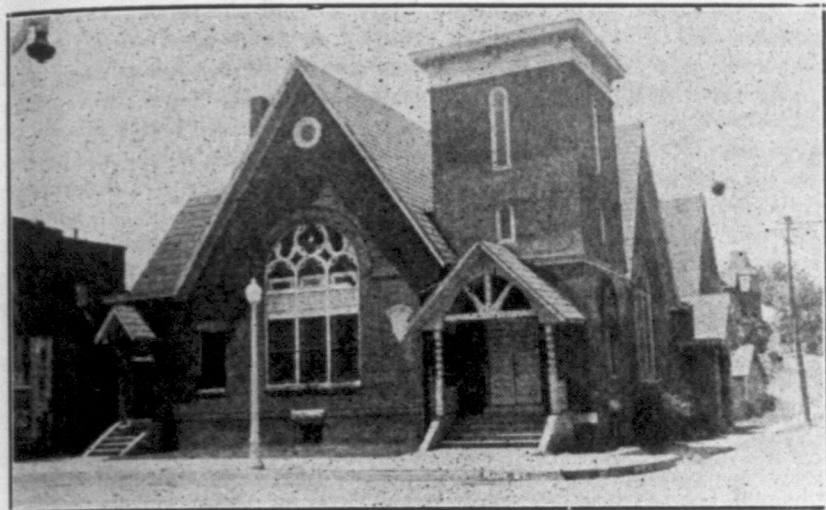
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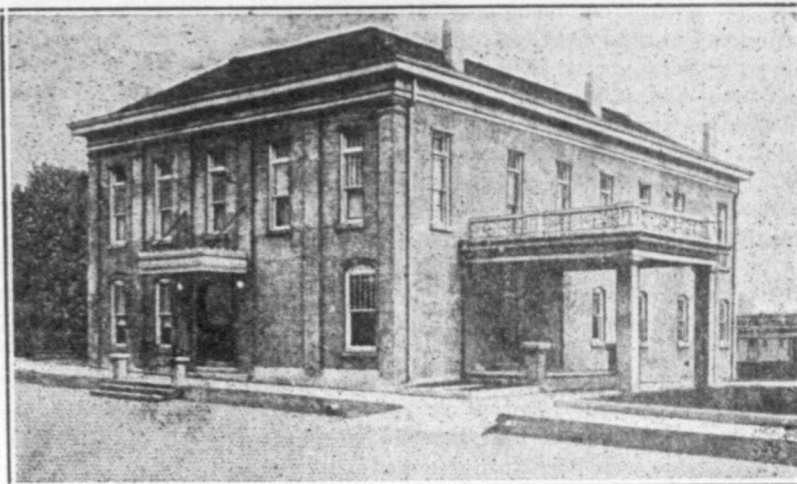
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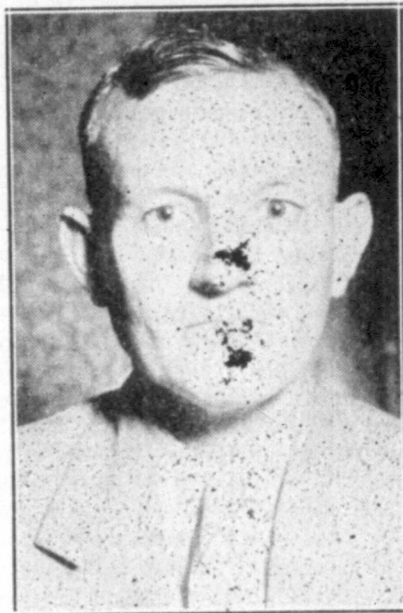
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Clerk of Water Valley Church



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Board of Deacons

EDITORIALS

WHY OPPOSE CHURCH UNION

No. 7

The seventh reason we present for opposing the bringing of all churches into one great ecclesiastical organization, is that to do so is to destroy Christian loyalty. Loyalty is the recognition of the right of Jesus to guide and control us to the limit. It is to know Him as the way, the truth and the life; it is to give ourselves absolutely to His sovereign leadership in teaching and in the control of our conduct. It is to hold ourselves responsible to Him alone without reservation and without interference from any other source.

This sense of His authority and our complete responsibility to Him for the whole of our lives is the essence and substance of the Christian religion. It is to put Him first and preeminent in everything. It is to say as He said, "Lo I come to do thy will." It is to say with Saul of Tarsus at the turning point in his life, "What shall I do, Lord?" And to be able to say from that on, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." Whatever interferes with this primary loyalty is destructive of the faith of Christ. It is to strike it at its one vital point.

Loyalty to Christ is purely personal and individual. It cannot be shifted to the mass, nor taken care of by proxy. We cannot transfer it to an ecclesiastic body nor delegate it to others. We dare not follow a multitude to do evil, nor hide it, nor dissipate it by a transfer to a group of Christians, nor to the whole body of them.

Loyalty to Christ is impossible except by loyalty to His word, to the revelation of Him and His will given us in the scriptures. The charge that is sometimes made against us is that we are bibliolaters, that is worshippers of the Bible. That is utter folly. It is folly and suicidal for a man or a city to allow the water mains to be destroyed. He does not drink the water mains, but he can't get the water unless the water mains are preserved intact. And the only way we know anything about Jesus who He is and what His will is, is by the word of truth concerning Him which we have in the Book. Blot that out and there is nothing left but darkness and confusion.

What has this to do with church union? Just this, that the whole appeal of unionists is to forget or ignore your differences. These differences are differences as to what the Bible teaches; and often going deeper still, differences as to whether or not the Bible is the final and authoritative guide as to truth and conduct. Here you have struck the vital nerve of Christianity, or the main artery through which the life blood flows. "If the foundations be destroyed what shall the righteous do?"

In many cases we are asked to form an ecclesiastical union with people who do not believe the Bible to be the infalible word of God. Indeed the most outstanding advocates of Church Union are people who do not sound a clear note as to the inspiration of the scriptures, or the deity of Jesus. Many of them do not regard Jesus or the scriptures as infalible. How could it be possible for these and for those who hold to the deity of Jesus to work together for common ends? "How can two walk together except they be agreed?" But if it is urged that the union might be limited to those who accept these two fundamentals, it is still an impracticable undertaking. Differences in interpretation of the scripture still persist in such a way as to make harmony and cooperation impossible except at the sacrifice of loyalty. You can't have an Episcopal and a Congregational church polity in the same group, any more than you can add the number of automobiles to the number of wheelbarrows and make a unit. And how can people live in the same church organization when one believes that you are saved by grace and another believes you are saved by the sacraments? When one believes in sprinkling infants,

and another believes that this is utterly destructive of personal obedience and of the ordinance which Jesus commanded to be perpetuated.

But some one will say we can speak only about the things on which we are agreed, and leave the rest alone. Much is said about "vital," or "essential" things. But who can tell where essential ends and unessential begins. Whenever truth is maimed or marred you have done violence to your own soul. People may classify lies into various categories, from "fibs," "white lies," "prevarication" and on down the line. But the Bible and an honest soul know no such classification. When you play fast and loose with truth you have destroyed it, or your own integrity.

You will read in the first chapter of Judges about the people of Judah capturing Odonibezek and cutting off his thumbs and his great toes as a sign of his subjection. These may not have been vital or essential members, but the loss of them indicated slavery and the poor fellow died soon afterward. You will also recall the story of the threat of the Ammonites against Israel soon after Saul became king. They said, "On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel." The proposal was rejected and Ammon was badly beaten. All compromises are disloyalty. Silence is submission to tyranny. Only by speaking out can we be loyal to the truth and to the Lord.

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GUARDING AGAINST DISAPPOINTMENT AS TO THE KINGDOM

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In the study of the Kingdom of God as it is presented to us in the Bible we have come to the parables of Jesus. Many of the parables of Jesus, probably a majority of them, were spoken to make known to the disciples the real nature of the Kingdom. This is as we should expect, for the purpose of his coming was to establish the kingdom and a large part of his teaching from beginning to end dealt with it.

We are not in this article of course to deal with all the parables, but with one group of them, and with one phase which those in this group have in common. One purpose at least in the parables of the four different kinds of soil (the sower), the tares, the fish of all kinds, the mustard seed and of the leaven was to guard his disciples against disappointment as to the coming of the kingdom. This was very necessary because the disciples, like all the rest of the Jews had preconceptions and misconceptions as to the nature of the kingdom and as to its immediate and visible and victorious appearance. This is evident throughout the gospel narratives and on into the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, where, after his resurrection they still asked, "Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

The parables above referred to are grouped in the thirteenth chapter of Matthew. Along with them may be classed two found elsewhere, but not discussed now, namely, the parable of the seed growth, Mk. 4:26-29; and the parable of the pounds, spoken to correct the idea that some of them had "that the kingdom of God was immediately to appear," Lk. 19:11. Of those found in Matthew the first and longest is the parable of the sower, or the four kinds of soil. In this Jesus would fortify his disciples against disappointment as to the visible results of their and his ministry. The disciples and Christian workers would need this admonition all down the centuries. They are not to be disappointed, they are not to despair and quit because they do not see results from all their efforts. There are two things which determine results: one is the faithful sowing of the seed in the preaching of the word of God, and the other is the way the hearers receive it. One is just as important as the other. There are four kinds of soil described in the parable; only one of which produced any lasting good results. It looks

like everybody ought to believe and be saved everywhere that the gospel is preached, but they are not. They were not when Jesus preached, and they have never been in any place or time since. Some one has said that the only hundred per cent results ever recorded from any preaching are given in Acts 18:48 where it is said, "As many as were ordained to eternal life believed." But even here the saved were a minority.

We are not to be disappointed in apparent failure. Jesus said, "If they will not receive you in one village, go to the next." Just keep on. Paul said, "I endure all things for the elects sake." A demagogue will always promise the people more than he can perform. That is his earmark. He will incite hopes and seek to whip up enthusiasm by appeals which set people on their ears, and doom them to disappointment and ruin. See the present effort to produce national hysteria and fictitious patriotism in Europe today. But Jesus used no such tactics. If he had sought to be a popular hero or idol he would have incited his followers to fanaticism. But he sought always to allay it and save them from disappointment and disillusionment. If we get twenty-five per cent result from our work we may be grateful. The Indian when he planted his corn put three grains in the hill, one for the worm, one for the crow and one for the Indian. And Jesus said some seed would be carried away by the birds, some would wilt on the rocks, some would be choked by thorns. But some would bear fruit to maturity, though not always one hundred per cent.

Again Jesus cautions against disappointment in results by the parables of the tares and the fish of every sort. The gospel net will gather good and bad. There is no way yet found to prevent it. You may preach as plainly as you can; you may take every precaution, but there will be some bad fish gathered in. If you can sort them out well and good, it should be done as soon as possible, but the Lord plainly says that the complete separation will not be made till the "end of the world." It is a job for angels. The parable of the tares gives the reason for the delay in separation: it can't be done without doing injury and violence to the wheat. This does not forbid church discipline, but it does explain why the Lord allows the continuance of wicked people in the world, which is the field of operation for His kingdom. To destroy the wicked now would be to disrupt families, schools, business and the whole nation. We are not to conclude that nothing has been accomplished because wickedness and wicked people continue.

Likewise the parables of the mustard seed and of the leaven are spoken to prevent disappointment as to the kingdom of God. There were people who thought the kingdom of God would come into the world full-grown. Jesus said they must get it out of their heads; that its beginnings would be very small, like the mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds. There were plenty of people who would have joined the company of Jesus if he could have set up a great political or even religious organization in Jerusalem. There are still people who follow the crowd, who seek out the big church, or the popular organization. But Jesus' method is to begin with the least and give it a chance to grow.

The parable of the leaven is similar to that of the mustard seed, only it indicates the method of the kingdom's progress, rather than its small beginnings. The method is by quiet contact rather than noisy and demonstrative hullabaloo. The kingdom cometh not with observation. It is not by might nor by power. It is not by over-awing the world with size or force. The Jews were looking for just that when the Messiah should come, but that is not God's plan. "He shall not strive, nor cry aloud. He shall not lift up his voice in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break and a smoking torch shall he not quench. But he shall not fail nor be discouraged till he has brought righteousness in the earth."

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IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES

Among the passages of scripture commonly misinterpreted must be included one in Ephesians 2:6 which reads, "And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." By some sort of misunderstanding or "accommodation" the words "in the heavenly places," have been made to mean a heavenly atmosphere, a state of high and holy spiritual ecstasy, a momentarily glorified or exalted state of mind, such as people have in a great revival, or under an illuminating sermon, or some manifestation of the power and goodness of God as lifts our spirit heavenward, a "mountain top experience." Now it may seem a pity to spoil such an illusion as that, but that is not what this phrase means at all.

It is always well for us to let the scripture mean what it was intended to teach and not to follow some fancy of our own, nor slavishly or indolently follow some traditional interpretation. Let us look carefully at all the connections in which this phrase occurs and really get what Paul meant to teach. For what it does teach is better for us than any mistaken interpretation.

It is worth noticing that the phrase occurs five times in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and nowhere else. These five places are Eph. 1:3; and 1:20; and 2:6; and 3:10; and 6:12. They must mean the same thing, though used in different connections. In one we are said to be blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, or realms; in the second Christ is said to be seated or enthroned in the heavenly realms or places; in the third we are said to be seated or enthroned also in the heavenly places; in the fourth the principalities and powers in the heavenly places are said to be taught by the church the manifold wisdom of God; in the fifth and last passage there are said to be spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

It ought to be said that there is no word meaning places, or realms; that is supplied by the translators. Only the adjective "heavenlies," plural, in the original, and we are left to supply the noun. Taking these five passages together it seems evident that Paul thinks and speaks of Christian people as having been brought into a new world, a different order of existence, a new sphere or creation, where everything is different. It is a sphere in which Jesus Christ is Lord and King. He has been enthroned or seated. We have come into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, into the heavenlies, the heavenly spheres or conditions. Here Christ is King and all things are new and different. Here things are potentially as they are in heaven.

But specifically we are said to sit together in the heavenly realms. This is the same word as that used with reference to Jesus of whom it is said he was made to sit at His (God's) right hand in the heavenly places. Jesus was enthroned, was made King. And so are Christians said to be enthroned, made to sit on thrones. This is in accord with what Jesus said of the apostles sitting on twelve thrones. But the same is said of other Christians also. "To him that overcometh I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my Father in his throne." Rev. 3:21.

There are two things that ought to be said further about our being enthroned in the heavenly places or realms. It is spoken of as a thing already accomplished. The reigning with Christ is not to be wholly postponed till we are in heaven. It is a present possibility. The other is that it is a joint exercise of sovereignty. It is on His throne. It is with Him. Apart from Him we can do nothing. It is only when we are carrying out His will that we reign. And these are for somebody else to think out.

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Pray for our missionaries and the work in China during this period of disturbance and anxiety.

Convention Board Department

R. B. GUNTER, Cor. Sec'y.

"ALMOST THOU PERSUADEST ME TO BE A PRESBYTERIAN?"

The Presbyterians learned two years ago that they were unable to continue operating their college at Pontotoc. Hence, the institution was closed, so this writer is informed. There was, however, an indebtedness of \$40,000.00 against the institution. This denomination did not ask their creditors to discount the indebtedness, but rose up and raised the full amount. This was a noble deed and showed the right kind of spirit. They did what every denomination should do. Some might say that they were paying for a dead horse. But the horse was not dead when the obligations were incurred. And to pay this indebtedness after it was seen that the institution could not be continued is the very best evidence that while the institution may be dead the church membership is very much alive. This great denomination, therefore, has a right to be heard. Their audiences should sit up and listen when preachers who maintain such attitude towards indebtedness preach.

Any denomination which fails to pay its indebtedness may as well be whistling in the dark as to preach and expect its preaching to be rated at par. Let all Baptists everywhere take due notice and profit by the splendid example which the Presbyterians have set. In keeping faith with their creditors they have made an investment which will produce fabulous dividends in the years ahead.

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"HEADED FOR THE LAST ROUND-UP"

Beginning now an intensified effort will be put forth for completing the Five Thousand Club. The membership has passed the 4,600 mark. On or before the first of September we must reach the 5,000 mark. For this reason, other workers will assist brother Holland by giving all of their time. The State will be divided among these workers and a task given to each. A. L. Goodrich takes one district.

We earnestly solicit the sympathy and co-operation of the brotherhood everywhere throughout the State. If all will give due consideration, the goal can be reached within a few days. Bear in mind that there are more than 4,600 who have agreed to pay \$1.00 per month until the entire indebtedness shall have been wiped out. Surely there are 400 men who will immediately respond. The faithful continuance of 5,000 members will settle once for all the worry over the indebtedness which is upon the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Therefore, the most hearty cooperation is solicited from every pastor of the State. A friendly announcement from the pulpit by every pastor, along with a word of encouragement, will render it easy for these field workers to complete this task in record time. Their names will doubtless appear in the next issue of the Baptist Record. But the workers themselves will be expected to appear prior to that time. Just 400 members and the goal will have been reached!

Bear in mind that at the beginning of 1933 the bank indebtedness was approximately \$56,000.00 and the bonded indebtedness \$595,000.00. The bank indebtedness is now \$6,000.00 and the bonded indebtedness \$472,000.00, with only \$10,000.00 of bonds in default and one year's interest. With the completion of this club and the faithful attention to the payment of pledges on the part of the membership, both bonds and interest can be current before the last of November. If the brotherhood will make this possible, the November Convention will be the greatest for many years.

Pastor McPheeters preached in a young people's revival last week at Daniels Church, just south of Jackson and feels that the church was greatly helped. He has a fine group of young people.

Brother M. J. Derrick on account of ill health has given up the pastorate of Center Terrace Church, Canton, and brother Walker, a student in Mississippi College, has been called as his successor.

Pastor Fred. B. Bookter lost no time when he came to Central Church, McComb, but soon had his people reading the Record and lining up to help in all the Lord's work. That's the kind of pastor a church needs. It means real leadership.

The New Hebron Baptist Church has just closed a good meeting. Dr. H. C. Bass, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Meridian, preached for us. His messages were very helpful to all our people. The attendance, interest and additions to the church were encouraging.—B. E. Phillips.

Dr. W. T. Lowrey of Clinton has resigned the care of the church at West, and Rev. Madison Flowers was called to succeed him. Brother Flowers preaches two Sundays at Goodman, and one each at West and Vaiden. Dr. Lowrey had brother Joe Canzoneri with him in a meeting at West last week. Several joined by letter.

The First Church, Brookhaven, made plans for the erection of a \$15,000 educational annex, but has recently found that it will take a \$25,000 building to meet their needs. Nothing daunted they have rearranged their plans accordingly. Pastor B. Locke Davis is this week in a revival meeting at Utica with Pastor Owen Williams.

Rev. J. R. Nutt of Lufkin, Texas, is this week assisting Pastor H. H. Webb in a meeting at Sallis. We are glad to have him back in Mississippi where he did excellent work before going to Texas some twenty years ago. Next week he will spend with old friends about Blue Mountain. We were glad to have him call at Baptist headquarters in Jackson.

Pastor Eug. I. Farr: "Last week brother John Ira Hill helped in the meeting at Victory, Jeff Davis County. The preaching was most acceptable and greatly enjoyed by all. 13 for baptism. Miss Ruth Farr of Goodman aided in vacation Bible school and music. This week James and Ruth Farr are with us at Mt. Olive, Jones County, helping in music and D. V. B. S. I am preaching."

You and I may not stop all the wickedness in the world. We may even seem to be making little headway at times. But we are responsible to God for our witness against it, in whatever form it may appear. Whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, we are to lift up our voices against sin. We owe it to the world and to God to protest against wrong. Not to do it makes us partakers of the wrong.

Pastor J. P. Harrington last week celebrated his tenth anniversary as pastor of Parkway Church, Jackson; or rather the church celebrated. Ten years ago brother Harrington pitched a tent in West Jackson and began an evangelistic campaign. The tent blew down but the work went on. A church was organized out of the material gathered together. They moved into an old frame school building which had been vacated by a city school. Through arduous and persistent labor a good congregation was built up. A good lot was purchased with a pastor's home. Then the first unit was constructed of a church building, the education plant, which still serves for all purposes. The financial depression hit the church and they have had a hard struggle. The church is well located in a residence community and has a great opportunity before it.

If your Record comes in a Yellow Wrapper this week, it means that you have only one more issue before your subscription expires. In order not to miss a copy send your renewal in now. Don't wait, you might forget.

TEN MONTHS IN WATER VALLEY

By W. C. Howard

It is almost impossible to realize that ten months have passed since accepting the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Water Valley, Miss., for the weeks have passed as if they were days; months, weeks. These ten months have been spent in preaching, teaching, visiting, marrying, and burying folk. While they have been busy months, they have also been happy months.

Mrs. Howard and I shall never cease to thank God for the generous reception that was extended to us upon our arrival in Water Valley, Sept. 2, 1936, by the members of the First Baptist Church, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, Second Methodist, the Christian Church, and the citizens of the community.

We count ourselves fortunate in the privilege of following the eight years of worthy labors of such a noble couple as Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Metts. On every hand we have seen evidences of their wise, progressive and consecrated leadership. We are sorry that brother Metts was forced to resign on account of ill health, but we are happy to have the privilege of taking up where he left off.

We sincerely appreciate the esteem, love, sympathy, understanding and cooperation that we have enjoyed since coming to Water Valley. Every progressive and forward looking suggestion offered by the pastor or his wife has been put into action.

Whatever has been accomplished during these ten months is due: first, to the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit; second, to the cooperation on the part of the entire membership of the church, and especially on the part of those who have been charged with the responsibility of leadership.

With all due respect to the former fields of labor, we can truthfully say that we have never found a more loyal people to their pastor and his wife. And we would like to give credit where credit is due. We would like to name those who have accepted responsible places of leadership, and have helped to carry on in the work of the Lord: first, the deacons; W. J. Tipler, W. B. Hunter, Butler Vanderberg, Claude Hale, W. T. Trusty, and G. R. Wood. Second, Sunday school officers and teachers led by our genial superintendent, Mr. C. H. Wood. Third, our B. T. U. organization, led by our capable director, Mr. K. R. Cofer. Fourth, to the ladies of the W. M. U. organization led by our progressive president, Mrs. J. G. Carpenter. Fifth, to our excellent church clerk, Mr. S. H. Hamblett. Sixth, to our untiring financial secretary, Mrs. J. A. Ramey, and her assistant, Mrs. L. H. Baggett. Seventh, to our efficient treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Atkinson. Eighth, to Mr. L. H. Baggett who is so acceptably looking after the ushering for all of the services.

Worthy mention should be made of the splendid service rendered by the faithful members of our choir led by our capable director, Mr. A. A. Walker, assisted by Mr. W. B. Hunter. To our splendid and efficient organist, Mrs. C. C. Stacy, and her faithful assistant, Mr. Cecil Bolton.

I would like to take this further opportunity to express my appreciation to those who have helped to make this special edition of The Baptist Record possible by giving of their money and by contributing the various articles for print.

I am deeply grateful for the fellowship and assistance of the following ministers who have their membership in our church: Rev. Aubry Hill, Rev. Paul Kiihnl, Rev. S. H. Shepherd and Rev. O. C. Cooper.

Through the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the cooperation of our brethren, we are determined to press on in the spirit of him who spoke in the long ago words like unto these, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Christ, and Him crucified."

Indeed we are satisfied to serve this good

people and Him who said, "Go ye therefore into the whole world, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the ages."

MISSIONARY CHALLENGES BEFORE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

Professor J. W. Shepard, Baptist Bible Institute
New Orleans, La.

The opportunities before the Baptist Bible Institute grow greater with every year and along with these the responsibilities. Just now the situation is extreme in New Orleans with the numerous colored populations. A hundred thousand negroes in this great metropolis are being swept rapidly away from the Baptists. The presence of the Institute here ought to be a great element in saving such a situation. Two years ago the faculty of the Institute started some work for the better training of the negro pastors of our negro Baptist churches, but had so little time to give that the project had to be abandoned. With a larger faculty we could cooperate in a school for the negro Baptist pastors which might save the day. The Catholics are founding schools and have already built a large school for the training of negro workers which is drawing masses of the negro population to them. It is a matter of a few years until this will be a great center of negro Catholicism in America. A little extra effort on the part of the denomination, giving us an increased faculty, would enable us to help our negro leaders in New Orleans save this loss which will be irreparable.

The Practical Activities Department is carrying on strongly. It is better organized now than ever before. The results this year were most gratifying. In all the work of students and professors during the past year there were over two thousand professions of faith in and around New Orleans. The writer has carried on a little work in Morgan City, a town a hundred miles out from this city, for four years. The result has been gratifying though the work has been very difficult. Starting with four active members the work has built up until we have fifty enrolled now in the membership of the church. The Home Mission Board has been brought to see the opportunity in this French Catholic town of some six hundred thousand population and are erecting a substantial church building there this summer. This is the kind of idea which is inculcated every week in the report hours of the Practical Activities Department. Students are urged to effect their entrance into the numerous towns of this vast section of the State of Louisiana and begin work where none exists. This is a vast mission field. The only work in the whole parish (county) of St. Mary is the little church at Morgan City. There are many cities in all this section where no work yet exists. The Bible Institute is practically alone in strictly missionary operations in this

district, though the Home Board is entering more and the State Board is helping some in this needy section. The denomination was right in adjudging this to be a great mission opportunity when the Bible Institute was founded here. Larger plans are being laid now by the Institute Department of Practical Activities in cooperation with the churches of New Orleans to broaden the work in the city. We plead with the brethren and sisters everywhere to cooperate with us through their prayers and their gifts too in so enlarging the forces of the kingdom in this institution, through the lifting of the debt and the strengthening of financial backing, that we may be able to meet the pressing problems of the mission opportunity in and around New Orleans and all southern Louisiana.

A STUDENT BECOMES A MISSIONARY

Student J. W. Wood, B. B. I., New Orleans, La.

A business man had been doing some traveling around in a certain section of the state and found a group of people who were trying to have a little Sunday school. They were not organized, but were trying to study the Bible without having any leader to help them. This business man was interested in getting some preacher to go out there.

I went the following Sunday afternoon and found the people singing, and entered quietly and sat down, so as not to disturb the service. I did not know any one but introduced myself and told them why I came.

We organized a Sunday school and I went out there every Sunday afternoon and preached many times, and would at times have to walk through deep mud to get to the house where the services were being held.

I asked some one after I had been there for a few Sundays just how many of the people were Christians. To my great surprise out of some forty-five people only a small number were believers. I began preaching about Jesus and his love, trying to present the plan of salvation to those who were lost. I prayed to God that the Holy Spirit would lead me as I preached and worked with those who were lost. One Sunday soon after an invitation was given for the lost to accept Jesus. One grown man came confessing his sins and accepting Jesus. Then on the following Sunday seven more grown men and women came. Then the next Sunday eight more came and they kept on coming for several Sundays.

Before I left some twenty-five or thirty people were baptized. Several came by letter, and the little mission was made an arm of another church some eight miles away and now they are planning to erect their own place of worship.



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THE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION, WATER VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
By K. R. Cofer

Although always interested in the Baptist Training Union work of the church, local Baptists are particularly proud of the impetus which the training department received in 1930, when, under Rev. J. M. Metts' guidance, there were organizations formed in the church to accommodate the needs of church members of Intermediate and Senior ages. These two unions, together with the Juniors who had been kept intact by Mrs. J. M. Metts, their leader, were blended into a general organization.

Of this first general organization, the officers chosen were as follows: Director, Kermit R. Cofer; Associate Director, Billie Baddley; General Secretary, Miss Bernice Hunter; Junior leaders, Mrs. J. M. Metts and Miss Doris Mathis; Intermediate leader, Miss Ruby Norris.

Few changes have taken place in the general organization's personnel since 1930. Paul Kihnl succeeded Brothed Baddley as associate director; Miss Lorence Walker replaced Miss Hunter. (Miss Hunter became Mrs. Billie Baddley, and they are residing in Memphis.) Memphis also claimed Miss Norris after several months of successful leadership with the Intermediates.

During 1935, the average enrollment of all the unions remained around fifty. Despite the fact that we were deprived of an active pastor for the period from January 1, 1936 to September 1, 1936, due to the sad illness of brother Metts, the Baptist Training Union showed its usually fine spirit of loyalty by keeping its enrollment about forty during the time.

On September 1, 1936, came Reverend W. C. Howard to become pastor of the church, and the eligible members of the church immediately took opportunity to quench their thirst for training and service, by uniting with the training department. Mrs. Howard was elected co-leader with Miss Mathis of the Juniors in the regular October election of officers. Mrs. Taylor Howard and Mrs. Kermit R. Cofer shortly thereafter took over the leadership of the Interme-

diates. From then on, weekly, the membership of the organization has continued to grow by bounds.

Under the capable direction and initiative of brother Howard, an Adult Union was organized in the church on January 3rd this year. The organization of the union met a great need of the church for training among its members of adult age. Since January 3rd, the membership has doubled, starting from a nucleus of fifteen. Brother Boyd L. Jones capably served as its first president. On July 1st, brother Jesse L. Weeks assumed the duties of president. His election means that the union will continue its fine program of work and progress.

At the end, then, of this period, as this is being written, the Water Valley church has a general organization composed of four active unions with members ever ready to carry on the Lord's work. It is predicted that in membership, training, and service, we have just scratched the surface and that the remaining part of the church's year will bring new members, interest, and earnestness.

The local organization is a member of the Yalobusha County Baptist Training Union. Officers of the county unit are Sellers Denley, Coffeeville, director; K. R. Cofer, Water Valley, associate director; Miss Jessie Denley, Coffeeville, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. C. C. Pate, Oakland, Mrs. W. C. Howard, Water Valley, and Miss Ruth McCormick, Coffeeville, group directors.

National Baptist Convention, through which our Negro brethren work meets in Los Angeles September 9-13.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF WATER VALLEY
Mrs. C. H. Wood

Back of the Christian religion is Mary, last at the cross and first at the sepulcher; back of the disappearing shows is Mary Booth, the mother of the Salvation Army; back of the temperance is the lily-white soul of Frances E. Willard; back of the battlefield is the ministering angel Florence Nightingale; back of the discovery of Christian America is Queen Isabella; back of every pastor of every church is a band of good women, the Woman's Missionary Union.

In Water Valley, years ago "The Little Church on the Hill" as it was known by its worshippers of Baptist faith, grew too small for its congregation and it became necessary to erect a larger and more commodious building for its increasing crowds. At that time the women organized themselves into a missionary society. The first meeting was held in the home of Mrs. C. Crosby. The members were Mrs. Judith Dupuy, president; Mrs. Annie Simpson, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Bartlette, Mrs. Anne Shaw, Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Johnson. Worthy were the impulses which set the work in motion, and glorious were the achievements.

Today the Woman's Missionary Union of the Water Valley Baptist Church looks across the green fields of yesterday and revisions the telling of the old, yet ever new story of faith, hope, charity, truth, loving kindness and service in the teachings of the One whom they serve. Its members have learned to first give themselves to the Lord, their work is one of service.

The Woman's Missionary Union is missionary in its principles, as the name implies, benevolent in its purposes, having adopted two orphans for support from the Baptist Orphanage, sympathetic to the call of want and the wail of sorrow, manifested by its sending of many baskets to the poor and flowers and notes of sympathy to the grief stricken.

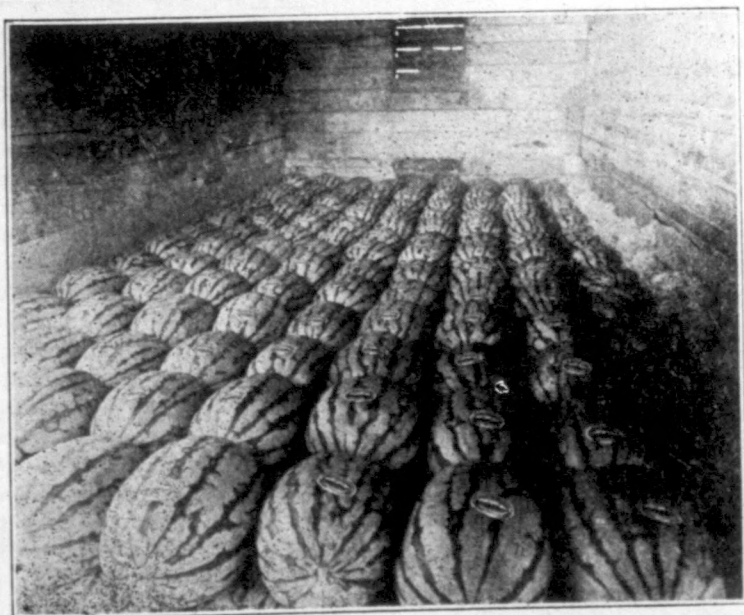
"What would the church do without its women" comes from the lips of the pastor and the heads of all the church departments. The present enrollment is ninety-five.

The officers of the Union are:
President.....Mrs. J. A. Carpenter
Vice-President.....Mrs. C. C. Stacy
Secretary.....Mrs. H. M. Garland
Treasurer.....Mrs. J. A. Ramey
Program Chairman.....Mrs. J. M. Spooner
Mission Study Chairman.....Mrs. W. C. Howard
Personal Service Chm.....Mrs. Floyd Williamson
Social Chairman.....Mrs. E. L. McVey
Chairman Y. P. Work.....Mrs. Aubrey Hill
Royal Ambassadors.....Mrs. H. M. Garland
Sunbeams.....Miss Helen Hale
G. A.'s.....Mrs. Robert Gibson
Y. W. A.'s.....Mrs. Kermit Cofer

Circle chairmen:
Ada Ham Circle.....Mrs. R. E. Byers
Annie Armstrong Circle.....Mrs. Vane Coker
Laura Mackey Circle.....Mrs. Gussie Goodwin
Margaret Lackey Circle.....Mrs. H. G. Buckley
Fannie Traylor Circle.....Mrs. Vernon Reese

Financial report for year 1936:
Home Missions\$ 60.09
State Missions43.90
Foreign Missions194.65
W. M. U. Specials10.00
5,000 Club85.00
Baptist Orphanage62.75
Miscellaneous107.76

At Beulah, Simpson County, Pastor D. W. Moulder had D. W. Nix with him in a great revival; large crowds; 20 additions, 12 by baptism. He was invited to return next year. At New Hope in Simpson County, C. S. Moulder preached; overflowing crowds; great revival; 14 additions. He was invited to come back next year. In both meetings the people were left greatly rejoicing.



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Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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OUR BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

One week each year is set aside for the Baptist Assembly at Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, Miss. That week for 1937 is already history for it was held July 4-9. These were five days profitably spent in mission study classes, conferences, Bible study and inspirational messages.

The Woman's Missionary Union was fortunate indeed to have Mrs. Carter Wright, the South-wide Stewardship chairman, to teach a book to a class of W. M. S. and Y. W. A.'s combined. Mrs. Wright is a born teacher. This talent combined with her consecration and enthusiasm makes her a great inspiration to any group of women.

Miss Evie Landrum had a class of G. A.'s and Mr. Ivyloy Bishop a class of R. A.'s. Altogether we enrolled about 95 in our W. M. U. classes. We want to have twice that number next year.

We have a new stewardship leaflet "An Open Letter to Stewardship Chairmen from the South-wide Stewardship Chairman." She gives definite instructions to the local, associational, district and state stewardship chairmen. This is of great value to stewardship leaders. Write us for your copy.

Another new leaflet is "A Guide for Business Women's Circles." This is filled with practical helps for the business women's circle. This is free for the asking. Please write us for your copy.

Pingtu, June 9, 1937
Shantung, China.

Dear friends at home:

For some years our board has maintained work in Sheo-Kwang County where we have six churches. Our Shantung W. M. U. supports two ladies in this field. Last November at our annual meeting I was asked to visit and work with these two representatives for a while. Mr. Hou had been asked to hold some meetings there also. So on May 15 Mr. Parker took us in the Ford for the 100 mile drive. This took us four hours. Slow driving you say! Not for China and, too, our passes on these government roads require that we stop at each station and get our pass stamped, so it all takes time. Again thanks to my dear Pontotoc County friends for my part in the car. It truly is a help in the work.

The reception was warm indeed and we did justice to the good dinner which the Christians had prepared for us.

Our arrival was just suited to their annual associational meeting. The churches were well represented. Missionary Larson who is in charge of the field had preceded us one week. On Sunday there were a number of baptisms.

We found our two lady representatives doing splendid work. Miss Ma with a Bible class for illiterates and Mrs. Kiang in Good Will center work. They do this teaching for four or six months in the year and the rest of the time visit the churches of the county. Gathering the women together teaching them and ever seeking the lost. Truly our W. M. U. has two worthy representatives.

Mr. Hou and I accompanied by Mrs. Kiang and with other local workers, visited several churches and centers. Meetings were held, numbers of souls were saved. We found hungry listeners at each place. At times a woman here or some one there would stand up right in the midst of the sermon and say, "Won't you please tell me how to get rid of my sins. O, won't

you please tell me how to be saved." Needless to say a soul is always of more importance than a sermon, and such anxious ones are easily shown the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." Scores have been saved in Sheo Kwang County during the past month. A young pastor whose parents live in this county recently visited his old home. Truly this young man is on fire for souls. Some 50 were saved. But his own father is not saved. The cares of this world seem to fill his heart and life. Please help us to pray for this father. Mr. Hou and I were asked to do follow-up work in this town. Truly it was wonderful; others were saved and people going out seeking the lost. Please pray that still more may be saved for the town is large and all but about 100 are lost, still bowing down to gods made with their own hands.

Our travel while in the county was the same old style ox-cart pace since Mr. Parker could not remain. In traveling from village to village thousands of tracts were distributed to the hungry multitudes, as we passed the big market places thronged with people. They almost fought each other so eager were they for our literature. Surely our Saviour's heart still yearns over the multitudes. Our hearts just seem to cry out, "O, such a pity, such a pity, all these for whom Christ died and they know it not." While our hearts are heavy for these, still we are so thankful that souls are being saved all around us.

On May 16 here in our Pingtu city church 96 were buried with Christ in baptism. Some of these were for village churches but they were baptized here for convenience. Please keep praying that more souls may be saved; that we each may see and realize the white harvest fields.

In our travels back interior we are often reminded that "necessity is the mother of invention." The safety pin folks might like to know some new uses for the safety pin. One missionary lost the screw that holds the ear-piece to the lense of his glasses. What could he do miles from repairs? A little gold safety pin acted as screw and was clasped so the glasses were quite usable and would hold secure till he could return to Tsingtao.

How time does fly—ten months now since I left our dear homeland to again represent you in this dark land and win still a few more to our Saviour. We are workers together—both you and I with Him in this great work. I know you help through prayer as well as in a financial way.

May He greatly bless and use you each one.

Very sincerely, gratefully, your missionary,
Pearl Caldwell.

RECREATIONAL LIFE AT RIDGECREST

I can think of no place where one can more completely re-create both body and soul than Ridgcrest, where the earth and sky seem to meet. Most people think of Ridgcrest as being a camp only for the spiritual uplift, but it has marvelous recreational features.

During our Y. W. A. Camp, we had the entire afternoon for pleasure. One could read, swim, go canoeing and horseback riding, play shuffleboard, tennis or numerous games in the hotel lobbies. One could hike to points of beauty close to Ridgcrest. Besides these there were trips offered to Chimney Rock, Mt. Mitchell, The Biltmore estate, Little Switzerland, Asheville, and other points of interest.

Each afternoon from five to six an inquiry tea was held. Here the girls came to know

better the leaders and visitors of camp.

On Saturday night, June 26, a butterfly reception and a talent program was held.

Words cannot convey the inspiration and recreation Ridgcrest offers but I would urge everyone to plan a vacation trip that would include some days in this garden of pleasure from which they will return eager to be about the task of promoting His kingdom's work.

Baptist churches of Jackson will conduct a simultaneous revival campaign in September under the leadership of Dr. R. Q. Leavell, who will lead a similar campaign in St. Louis in October.

Brother C. O. Estes was with Pastor McCullough at Braxton in a meeting last week. A religious census was taken, showing a large number of unsaved. At the time of the report a good beginning had been made.

It is said that the recently published book by Dr. Everett Gill, entitled "Europe: Christ or chaos," has been approved for use in all the schools of Oklahoma in connection with the study of current history.

The editor had the privilege of preaching for Pastor G. O. Parker at Magee Sunday morning and night. Fellowship with these people is always a joy. And what do you think? One of the deacons put a watermelon and a basket of tomatoes in the preacher's car to take home with him. Brother Parker is holding a meeting in one of his former churches in Newton County.

Pastor Eug. I. Farr is this week engaged in revival meeting and vacation Bible school at Summerland, being assisted by Mr. James Farr and Miss Ruth Farr. They were in a similar meeting at Mt. Olive or Hebron in Jones County last week, where over 50 were enrolled in the V. B. S., and 16 were added to the church, nine by baptism, and the church revived.

Pastor C. E. Bass of Scooba passed away last Saturday. He was a faithful and noble minister of Jesus Christ. We had known him since he was a student in Mississippi College many years ago, and rejoiced in all the blessings of God upon him. He leaves his widow and a married son and a daughter who has been a patient in the Sanatorium for several years. May the Father comfort and sustain them.

Pastor W. S. Landrum had Rev. W. R. Storie with him last week in a meeting in Antioch church in Simpson County. There were 31 added to the church. This week he began a meeting in Mountain Creek church in Simpson County, where Dr. H. M. King is helping. The meeting began with a mission collection on Sunday, and the church has given twice as much for missions this year as was given all of last year.

One of the greatest opportunities for service that we know of is that of helping some ambitious or consecrated young man or woman to get an education and thus be fitted for useful service in the kingdom of God. And one of the sorest griefs we have is our inability to make it possible financially for these young people, who are without adequate means, to take their college work and special training. Only last Sunday a young man who has worked his way through high school and feels called of God to preach, asked us about some way to work his way through college. His mother is a widow and unable to help him. His church and pastor believe in him and commend him highly. But he is told by the college people that it would be illadvised for him to enter college without more money than he has, or some backing which is not in sight. And there are many such cases.

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EAST MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT

By R. L. BRELAND

Coldwater, Neshoba

The revival at Coldwater Baptist
Church, Neshoba County, began
Sunday, July 11th. Rev. W. W.
Kyzar of Meadville, did most of
the preaching. His sermons were
true to the Bible, forceful and con-
vincing. During the meeting, which
closed Friday evening, there were
12 additions to the church, 11 by
baptism and one by letter. Glad to
have Mrs. Kyzar with us part of
the time.

Prof. Olen Nicholson led the
singing in a satisfactory way. Miss
Jean Kennedy was pianist. Mrs.
Ruby Peeples Treadway led in a
vacation Bible school for five days.
Brother B. E. Turner was super-
intendent, Mrs. Turner was general
secretary. All three did splendid
work. They also had a corps of
very efficient and enthusiastic teach-
ers and helpers. Seventy-six pupils
were enrolled and the general aver-
age was 69. Fully 95% of the pupils
made a grade of 100%. It was
decided to have another school next
year and run two weeks.

During the meeting the member-
ship was loyal and helpful. The
church has one of the few standard
Sunday schools in Neshoba County.
This week Miss Omega Germany of
Dixon is teaching a ten-days sing-
ing school using the church hymnal,
The Songs of Faith, as the text-
book. This little church is doing
some good work for the cause of
Christ. There are many difficulties
but the church is proving that dif-
ficulties need not prevent doing a
good work.

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Mrs. Ruby Treadway is conduct-
ing a vacation Bible school at
Laurel Hill, Neshoba County, this
week and will be at Neshoba next
week. She is working under the di-
rection of the Mississippi Sunday
School Department, and is doing
some splendid work for the churches.

Rev. Charles Treadway and wife,
nee Miss Ruby Peeples, will attend
the Southern Baptist Seminary at

Louisville, Ky., next session. It is
their purpose to remain for five
years and complete his doctor's de-
gree while there. This is a prom-
ising young couple of servants of the
Lord.

The Baptist Church at Madden,
Leake County, recently finished a
brick house of worship. Opening
service was held the second Sunday
in which Dr. R. B. Gunter preached.
This was followed by the annual
revival with Rev. D. A. McCall
preaching. Brother Ethel Turner led
the singing.

Pastor A. B. Culpepper closed a
good meeting with Good Hope Bap-
tist Church, Neshoba County, Satur-
day of last week. Quite a number
were added to the church. He did
the preaching. He is in a meeting
with Mt. Carmel Baptist Church,
Neshoba County, this week, where
he is pastor.

The Neshoba County Associational
Revival will begin the fourth Sun-
day in July. Evangelist Bryan Sim-
mons will do the preaching and
Rev. Rush McDonald will lead the
singing. The plan of the revival is
to hold one meeting of a week dura-
tion in each of the beats of the
county, five in all. The first week
will be spent in beat 5, centralized
with Oak Grove Baptist Church. At
night the service will be held at Oak
Grove and in the day an all-day
service will be held at some church
in the beat, going to a different
church each day. This will be the
program in each of the five beats.
Thus it is hoped to reach all the
Baptist churches in Neshoba Coun-
ty. Rev. J. W. Burnett is moderator
of the association.

DIED—On July 8th one of the
splendid members of Coffeeville
Baptist Church departed this life:
Mrs. Annie Bell Martin, age 80
years. She served her Master long
and faithfully and fell gently on
sleep at the call of her Lord whom
she loved, at the end of a useful
life. Her husband, David M. Mar-
tin, preceded her to the grave by
many years. She has no children,
one brother and a number of nep-
hews and nieces survive her. She
was buried in the Coffeeville Cem-
etery beside the body of her hus-
band where they await the resur-
rection. We will miss her.

Rev. J. W. Burnett preached the
annual sermon at the Breland
family reunion held at Pine Grove
Baptist Church, Neshoba County,
July 9th. There were more than 250
people who attended the reunion,
more than half of whom were re-
lated to the family by blood or
marriage. A good day was had.
This is an annual affair in memory
of the family which originated in
Neshoba County with Rev. and Mrs.
O. F. Breland nearly a century ago.

Pine Grove Baptist Church, Ne-
shoba County, was organized nearly
a century ago. It was first called
Bluff Springs but its name was
changed when located at its present
site before the Civil War. Several
preachers lie buried in its cemetery,
among whom are Elders A. Win-
stead, G. W. Breland, J. E. Breland
and Samuel Chesney. Rev. James
Herrington is the present pastor.

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HISTORY OF WATER VALLEY, MISSISSIPPI

By W. E. Blackmur, Mayor

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One among Mississippi's most
progressive and best known cities
is Water Valley, situated in the
county of Yalobusha, in the nor-
thern part of the state, just out-
side the Delta section. It is about
ninety miles southeast of Memphis,
on the Illinois Central Railroad mid-
way between Jackson, Tenn., and
Jackson, Miss.

Water Valley nestles in a fertile
valley, through which meanders
leisurely a clear stream of spark-
ling water. With her arms thrown
over the surrounding hills, Water
Valley enjoys the blessing of an
ideal and charming location, a
healthful site, with perfect natural
drainage and a limitless flow of
artesian water from three deep
wells, almost 100 per cent pure.

The city is surrounded by hun-
dreds of acres of ideal valley and
hill farm lands, which pour forth
from year to year into the lap of
our city abundant staple and truck
crops. Especially is the soil adapted
to the growing of fruits and vege-
tables. Its many flowing streams
of pure water and rich acres of pas-
ture land form ideal conditions for
dairying, and here and there are
dotted herds of fine Jersey cows,
since dairying is among our chief
industries.

The first real settlement around
which was later destined to become
a live city, and which approached
even the semblance of a village, was
in 1836, when the vicinity was set-
tled by thrifty pioneers moving in
by covered wagons from other sec-
tions into the peaceful valley that
was to in later years hum with
the wheels of progress.

Water Valley dates back to the
year 1847, when the post office,
then known as Ragsdale, was re-
named Water Valley by one of its
first citizens, William A. Carr, who
also served as its first postmaster.
In 1847 the town centered in and
around one store and blacksmith
shop. In 1848 the town was incor-
porated and Captain B. H. Collins
became its first mayor.

The early settlers were keen to
appreciate the value and possibili-
ties of their new-found home and
in turn spread the good news to
their kinsmen and friends. New
settlers moved in in increasing
numbers during the early '50's; con-
siderable progress toward the
building of a town was made, new
buildings sprang up here and there
and formed a nucleus for what was
destined to become one of Missis-
sippi's foremost cities.

In 1856 a railroad put in its ap-
pearance from the north. This road
was then known as the Mississippi
Central. For eighteen months Water
Valley was its southern terminal.

Water Valley and vicinity had its
share of the ravages of the Civil
War, but emerged with a dauntless

spirit of courage and determination
that has ever been characteristic of
its citizenry.

The year 1866 marked the build-
ing of the railroad shops, and the
establishment of the division of-
fices, and for a time was general
headquarters for the Mississippi
Central. Mr. Harry Gibbons was the
shop's first master Mechanic.

In 1873 a Separate Court District
was formed in Yalobusha County,
known as the Second Court District,
and Water Valley thereby became
the second county seat.

In 1875 the population had grown
from 200 to 2,500. From this time
forth Water Valley under able
municipal management continued to
thrive and to grow. The railroad
shops was its chief industry, fur-
nishing employment to as high as
800 men.

In 1927 storm clouds arose over
our fair little city and threatened
it with disaster. The Illinois Cen-
tral Railway Company decided to
withdraw their shops from this
point, moving them to Paducah, Ky.
In the wake of this disaster fol-
lowed the depression period. The
years that followed brought diffi-
culties of every nature. Our popu-
lation shrank from above 5,000 to
3,750. A large percentage of our
property, both business and resi-
dential, was left vacant. But the
same unconquerable spirit and cour-
age that characterized our pioneer
settlers still flowed through the
veins of the present generation, and,
determined not to go down in de-
feat, not to resign to misfortune,
they have staged a magnificent
comeback.

Today tells a different story. The
clouds have lifted; the night is
past, and a new day has dawned.
For the past two years Water Val-
ley has made wonderful strides to-
wards regaining what she had lost
and keeping abreast with the prog-
ress that is being made by her sister
cities.

Water Valley owns and operates
one of the most up-to-date and ef-
ficient water and light plants in
the state. The city has been able
through all its difficulties to keep
its bonded debt with interest paid,
together with all current bills and
teachers' salaries during the past
years of the depression.

Water Valley has two strong
(Continued on page 16)



Try it...
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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by
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Lesson for July 25 COMBAT AND CONQUEST Exodus 5:1-13:16

Introduction. This is the longest Bible assignment we have undertaken in this book. May I ask that you read it? The Bible passage is of so much importance in comparison with anything that anybody may say about it that it matters comparatively little whether you read what I have to say about the passage so long as you read what God says in the passage.

The refusal of Pharaoh to let Israel go was followed during the succeeding ten months by nine great plagues, the result of which upon Pharaoh was to harden his heart into a stubbornness which would not bow to Jehovah at all. But the tenth plague would prove effective, so the people were instructed as to what to do when the blight of this great plague fell. In this situation (Ex. 3:21, 22; 11:2, 3; 12:35, 36), the people were commanded to ask of the Egyptians jewels of gold to take with them as they went on their journey. Nothing in the language lends color to the theory that these jewels were asked as a loan. They were asked as gifts outright, and as such they were given by the erstwhile masters and mistresses of these Hebrew slaves, as in some measure a reward for all the bitter toil which the Hebrews had endured in the years of their service of the Egyptians.

The passover was minutely planned so that it might be rightly observed upon this occasion not only but through all the years to follow. Because of its typical significance it was to be faithfully kept until its typical significance found fulfillment in the sacrifice on Calvary, in the slaying of Christ our Passover.

I wish you to regard these plagues as deliberately planned combats between Jehovah and the different gods in the Egyptian pantheon. And remember always that Jehovah is the challenger. He does not simply offer resistance to the onslaught of opposing evil, He challenges and attacks it in its citadel. It was true in Egypt and it is true now that our God in the person of His Son goes forth to war a kingly crown to gain. In going to Egypt with Moses Jehovah challenged the gods of Egypt to mortal combat. The challenge was accepted by Pharaoh.

"Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go that they may hold a feast unto Me in the wilderness.' And Pharaoh said, 'Who is Jehovah, that I should hearken unto His voice to let Israel go? I

know not Jehovah, and moreover I will not let Israel go.' (Ex. 5:1, 2). I make small doubt that Pharaoh had heard of the God of these slaves before, but a god was regarded as being worthy of worship as he was able to lead his people into victory and power. Now, here was a God of a race of slaves and He dared to send a message to the master of those slaves and command that master! The answer of Pharaoh is a taunt in which he accepts the challenge of Jehovah. "Let Jehovah the God of the slaves do His little worst, no attention shall be paid to Him. I am the most powerful monarch in the world, and who is this Jehovah that dares to command me to do anything?"

In the plagues Jehovah gave answer to that question. It was not a problem with Jehovah wholly or even mainly of getting His people out of Egypt. He could have smitten the land with a pestilence and have led His people out without meeting opposition. Why then these trials? "The Egyptians shall know that I am Jehovah," Ex. 7:5. Now look at Ex. 9:16. "In very deed for this cause I have made thee to stand, to show thee my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth." Seven times in the passage we read today the statement is made that the purpose of the plagues was to reveal the name and character of Jehovah, not only to Pharaoh and the Egyptians, but to the whole world. This may not have been His only purpose, but it was His primary purpose. The plagues were also credentials of Jehovah's messengers, and judgments for their wickedness sent upon the Egyptians.

I. COMBATS WITH THE GODS OF EGYPT.

The Nile River was actually worshipped as a god. Prayer was made to the river, praise was offered in worship to the river, and the river god, Osiris. Now fancy Pharaoh and his courtiers going forth to offer divine worship to the river and the river god. On the bank of the river they met Moses and Aaron, and "In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of all his servants," Aaron smote the waters that were in the river became a mass of blood and rotteness, and the fish in the river died, and the river stank. That which the Egyptians had regarded as a god, bringing them life and joy, was no god after all. So it was in the case of every one of the plagues. From the first to the last, each plague knocked down some god of Egypt and trampled him in the dust. In "Supplementary Notes on Exodus," by W. W. Moore, there appears this list:

1. Blood, against the Nile god Osiris.
2. Frogs, against the frog god, Heka.
3. Mosquitoes, against the earth god, Seb.
4. Beetles, against the beetle god, Khepra.
5. Murrian, against the cattle god, Apis.
6. Boils, against the goddess Neit.
7. Hail, against the air gods, Isis, Shu, etc.
8. Locusts, against the insect

gods, too numerous to mention.

9. Darkness, against the sun god, Ra.

10. First-born slain, a battering to the dust of the whole helpless pantheon.

II. OUTCOME DECLARES THE VICTOR.

It declares the victor not only but it raises the question to which it gives prompt answer, for whose benefit was this proof of power? It established Jehovah is master of the Egyptian pantheon, and as Egypt was the most powerful nation on the earth and its gods is the cause of this greatness, the most powerful gods, Jehovah's overthrow of these gods established Him as the one God over all the earth. This is the main lesson, undoubtedly. Jethro the Midianite priest, said when he heard the story of the deliverance under Moses, "Now I know that Jehovah is greater than all gods." So the lesson of the plagues was meant for Jethro. It was also meant for.

1. Pharaoh and the Egyptians. To establish Jehovah's authority and His right to command the Egyptians to let Israel go.

2. All the nations of the earth. The fame of these transactions spread over the earth. Ex. 9:16; Josh. 2:10; 9:9; I Sm. 4:8.

3. Primarily the children of Israel. Ex. 24th chapter.

III. CONQUEST IN THE

PASSOVER. Ex. 11:4-13:16.

"Passover." The word out of its background says, "escape." Escape what? Death. Condemnation. Judgment. Look how all that rested upon the land of Egypt. It rested upon the people of Egypt, but did it not rest upon the people of Israel, too? Was any exception made of the first-born of the Israelites? Not one bit, except that they were offered a means of fending the judgment off. If the provided means had been neglected, not one of the first-born of Israel would have been spared.

1. Judgment rested upon Egypt. Think of the ways in which Egypt merited severe judgment.

(a) Their cruel treatment of Israel.

(b) Their stubbornness against Jehovah. When He would have been gracious to them, they hardened themselves against Him. And this high-handed rebellion was right in the face of abundant evidence that Jehovah was sovereign. Only the mercy of God withheld judgment so long. God made unceasing efforts to lead them to repent, and accompanied these efforts with solemn warnings as to the outcome of continued rebellion. In view of this, God was abundantly justified in smiting with such tremendous force as to bring them to their knees.

2. Judgment rested upon Israel. It lay upon the first-born of Israel as truly and terribly as upon the first-born of Egypt. The Israelites were not guilty of as heinous

crimes and revolting sins as the Egyptians, but the spirit of rebellion was in their hearts, too, as their subsequent history so abundantly shows.

IV. THE ESCAPE WHICH CROWNS THE CONQUEST.

The Israelites in this instance obeyed God. He prescribed a means of escape and they took that prescription. Here are some typical teachings. Each step in this preparation is fulfilled in Christ.

1. Take a lamb; without blemish; a male a year old, therefore innocent; kept up four days to test. Christ was the lamb of God. Look it up in the New Testament.

2. A lamb slain at even. Why? To pay the penalty of the sin of that household. "The wages of sin is death." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Here the penalty of an innocent victim for a guilty soul. The Lamb of God was crucified to pay the penalty of our sins.

3. The blood applied upon the side posts and the lintel. This indicates a personal faith upon the part of the individual householder in God's plan of escape. So it is not sufficient that Christ has died, there must be a personal appropriation of that death by faith.

4. Safety under the blood. "When I see the blood I will pass over you." The blood on the door-posts was a proof to God that the lamb had been slain and its death appropriated by the household. On the ground of the shed blood of the innocent substitute God forgave the sin and passed over the judgment. God's justice had been satisfied by the payment of the penalty of sin by the death of the substitute. The proof of the death of the Lamb of God, as our substitute, is continually before the eyes of God in heaven. Rev. 5:6. "And I saw in the midst of the throne . . . a lamb as it had been slain.

5. Passover feast. Strength for the journey that lay ahead. This has also fulfillment in Christ.

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THE WATER VALLEY

"Music is the voice of the soul," said a singer filled with pathos of some spiritual reach the hearts of those untouched by some of the voice of the thought of some gospel thought home the thought of the Savior, Jesus Christ, power of a mighty human soul, as Most High God. The voices of the choir, God speaks to

The church is the work of its executive choir. It has a This organ was the untiring effort of former very capable organists: Mrs. Vanlandingham, Horton Kirk. The women of God are other towns.

The choir director. For over two served earnestly, efficiently. He has the honor of W. B. choir director. The church is Mrs. C. her sincerity, devotion, faithfulness, she herself to every member. Her organ preludes are beautifully rendered during the term of her service, for service. From her is favored each selection from Cecil Bolton, a graduate, graceful pianist and assistant to serve the music. His devotion is beautiful.

Through the Walker and Mrs. assisted by a great the church and the many times anthems and cantatas.

WATER VALLEY

By Mrs. M.

The Water Valley was organized in 1937, with Mrs. C. C. Sta. H. M. Garland, and H. E. Williams. Mark Woods, tr. Blackston, parli. M. C. Goodwin were thirty ladies club at its first.

The objective two-fold: First, an interest in beautifying home public places for the promotion and fellowship of the community.

One of the accomplishments has been the show in the M. show was attended every citizen in Water Valley, town folk.

THE CHOIR Water Valley Baptist Church

"Music is the voice of the soul." A singer filled with the power and pathos of some spiritual song, can reach the hearts of men, otherwise untouched by some eloquent sermon; the voice of the organ, expressing the thought of some composer of some gospel theme has carried home the thought of God and the Savior, Jesus Christ. The ascending power of a mighty chorus can draw a human soul, as the voice of the Most High God. Truly, through the voices of the choirs of the churches, God speaks to the souls of men.

The church is very proud of the work of its excellent and faithful choir. It has a splendid organ. This organ was obtained through the untiring efforts of two of its former very capable and efficient organists: Mrs. Louella Jennings Vanlandingham, and Mrs. Jessie Horton Kirk. These two splendid women of God are now residing in other towns.

The choir director is A. A. Walker. For over twenty years, he has served earnestly, faithfully, and efficiently. He has the able cooperation of W. B. Hunter, assistant choir director. The organist of the church is Mrs. C. C. Stacy. Through her sincerity, devotion, ability and faithfulness, she has endeared herself to every member of the church. Her organ preludes, and offertories are beautifully rendered. Many afternoons during the week she is seen wending her way to the Baptist church, for several hours of practice. From her efforts the church is favored each Sunday with a new selection from a noted composer. Cecil Bolton, a recent high school graduate, graciously serves as pianist and assistant organist. He loves to serve his Lord in church music. His devotion to his church is beautiful.

Through the labors of A. A. Walker and Mrs. C. C. Stacy, assisted by a great choir of voices, the church and town have been favored many times with beautiful anthems and cantatas.

WATER VALLEY GARDEN CLUB By Mrs. M. C. Goodwin

The Water Valley Garden Club was organized on Thursday, Feb. 4, 1937, with officers as follows: Mrs. C. C. Stacy, president; Mrs. H. M. Garland, vice-president; Mrs. H. E. Williamson, secretary; Mrs. Mark Woods, treasurer; Mrs. Henry Blackston, parliamentarian; and Mrs. M. C. Goodwin, historian. There were thirty ladies who joined the club at its first meeting.

The objectives of the club is two-fold: First, to gain and promote an interest in garden culture by beautifying home grounds and all public places of the city. Second, for the promotion of friendship and fellowship among the women of the community.

One of the most outstanding accomplishments of the club so far has been the holding of a flower show in the Masonic Temple. This show was attended by practically every citizen in the community of Water Valley, and by many out of town folk.

CHURCHES OF WATER VALLEY By E. J. Mays

Overcoming a handicap encountered by all churches during the regime following the Civil War, the churches of Water Valley today rank with any of cities in their class group, and even in some instances exceed the classifications of towns of 5,000 and less.

The history of the major portion of the edifices dates back to this time. At the outbreak of the war, Water Valley's churches included a Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and a Roman Catholic. All of this quartet were said by old citizens to be in a stagnant condition. This condition was brought about by the influences of the carpetbaggers, following the war. A Lutheran church, built by the Swedes a short time after 1870, aided greatly in the re-construction period as regards the churches of the city.

The negroes' religion at this time was of a very low type. The preachers were illiterate, and the greater part of their activity consisted of putting mischief into the heads of the negroes. A Southern white man, Mr. Martin, was pastor of the negro Methodist Church in Water Valley immediately following the close of the war. He built so many houses for rent that people said he stole the negroes' money.

There was a little friction between the white and negro churches. A negro preacher was hanged at one time by unknown hands for stirring up his congregation against the whites. This is, however, about the only instance of violence perpetrated by the whites upon negro religious leaders.

The North Main Street Methodist Church was organized in 1890, when the main portion of the present edifice was erected. In 1895 an addition was added completing the present structure.

Serving as its first pastor was the Rev. T. G. Clifford, a seminary graduate, who came over from England.

A membership of some 200 is well rounded into the various phases of endeavor with all of the various departments of the denominational work functioning in an efficient manner. The Rev. W. M. Jones is pastor, serving his first year.

Old members include Mrs. A. R. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Carter, Mrs. T. M. Addington, Mrs. Wesley Myers, Mrs. Ruby Mays, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Greenlee, Mrs. Edgie Tatum, Mrs. W. D. Geans and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Clark.

A Primitive Baptist Church was organized in 1884 but during its entire tenure has failed to keep a regular pastor. While regular services are not held, meetings of a near twice a month frequency are held.

Serving a large area in and around Water Valley is St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Organized Feb. 2, 1866, with the Rev. Thomas Finn as the first regular father, serving a tenure of from 1870-71 the church serves the territory embracing the University of Mississippi, Oxford, and Coffee-

ville as well as the members at Water Valley.

Father J. C. McAlpine is the present rector.

Old members include Mr. and Mrs. John McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Woods, Mr. and Mrs. August Enderlin, Mrs. Will King, Mr. and Mrs. John Horan and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tucker.

The Bob Myers Mission Church was organized in 1928 and from a mere dozen of initial members has grown to around a hundred.

Services are held each evening with Layman Robert Myers, one of the outstanding workers of the No. Main Street Methodist Church, in charge of the services.

OFFICERS AND TEACHERS Of the Sunday School, First Baptist Church, Water Valley, Miss.

Cradle Roll:

Mrs. Charlie Hague, Supt.
Miss Hope Black

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Miss Lottie Brown, Supt.
Miss Helen Hale

Primary Department:

Mrs. W. B. Hunter, Supt.

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Two ladies were attending a service at St. Paul's. Seated in the nave, they looked about them.

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Among the accomplishments locally, which can be named among the numerous improvements in Water Valley specially sponsored by the Rotary Club are:

Promoted building of the Trusty Hotel.

Promoted building of Paris and Panola Roads.

Promoted building of Kraft-Phenix Cheese factory.

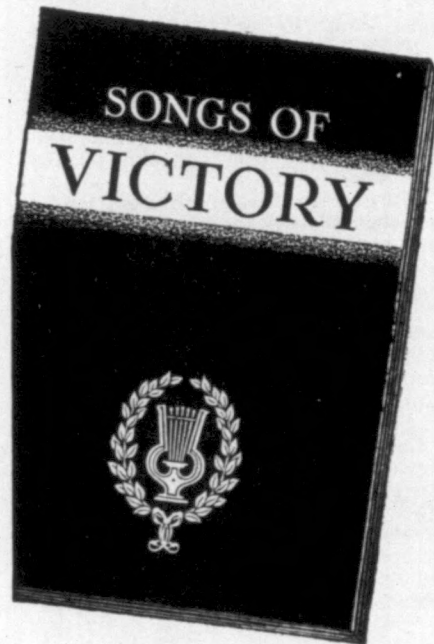
Promoted building of Boone-Baker Stave Company.

Promoted building of wading pool in City Park.

Promoted tomato growing and shipping.

Promoted Boy Scout work.

Officers of the club at present are: Prof. J. N. Bell, president; J. S. Rowe, secretary. Officers for 1938 are: Dr. Leo Brown, president; J. S. Rowe, secretary.



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The Children's Circle

MRS. P. I. LIPSEY

My dear children:

We have an especially appreciated letter today, and I am giving it first place among our letters. It is from our dear B. B. I. girl, Miss Mildred Mixon. Instead of taking a vacation when the B. B. I. session was over, she got work with the Baptists in Louisiana, and began on June 3rd to teach B. T. U. and Sunday school study courses in that state. She did not forget to write to us about it, either, and on the day she entered on her summer work, her letter was printed on our page. And now she sends another letter to tell us how she has been enjoying her work, and how it has been blessed. Read it carefully, and I am sure you will be happy that we had our part in getting her ready for this fine work. We are expecting, too, to help her through another year at the Bible Institute. Do not forget, or D. N. F., as Charles Dickens said in one of his books. You won't, will you?

Then came two letters from Olive Branch, one from Margaret Henley, telling of the pleasures and benefits of their daily vacation Bible school, and the other from Fannie Mae: she sends dues from her Jeannie L. Club, and dues for Margaret for her to join the quarter-to-two club, which gives us five members in this. But Fannie Mae also pays a sweet tribute to her beloved grandmother who was taken from her sorrowing family about six weeks ago, to live in the Happy Home which Jesus had prepared for her. It is a beautiful thing to be ready for this "mansion," isn't it?

There is something about these two letters which we do not find in our other letters. See if you can discover it: I did not at the first reading. Take this for the puzzle this week.

Marguerite Dulin has already traveled around some this summer, and has plans for other trips. She tells about these travels and places, and other things, in her letter.

Then there is a nice letter from two little boys, James and Charles Ellard, and a good contribution from each of them, for the orphans. And I think this is a mighty good way to use the Lord's tithe.

Last of all, just came this morning, comes a fine letter from a Mississippi friend in another state now. What do you suppose was in the envelope, besides the interesting letter? A check for our page for \$10.00! I am dividing it between the orphans and the B. B. I. girl. (\$4 to the orphans, and \$6.00 to Miss Mixon.) Shall we call this friend, a Mississippian away from home? We are truly deeply grateful for this unexpected but welcome gift.

Love to you all, from
Mrs. Lipsey.

BIBLE STORY NO. 13 ELISHA SMITES AN ARMY WITH BLINDNESS 2 Kings 6:8-23

The Syrians were a powerful people who lived north and northeast of Palestine, and when Benhadad was their king, he was continually at war with Jehoram, king of Israel. But when Benhadad would plan to attack Jehoram at a certain place, in some way it would become known to Jehoram, and he would not go there. So Benhadad asked his soldiers if one of them had betrayed him to their enemy, but they said, "No, indeed, my lord king, none of us, but Elisha the prophet of Israel, tells the king of Israel what you are talking about in your bedroom." So Benhadad said he would arrest Elisha, and that they must find where he was. They told him Elisha was at Dothan, only 12 miles from Samaria, where the king, Jehoram, lived. So Benhadad the Syrian sent and surrounded the

city with horses and chariots and a great number of soldiers at night. Early in the morning, Elisha's servant roused up and went out, and found the city thus surrounded. He went to his master and cried, "Alas, master, what shall we do?" Elisha comforted him with the words, "Don't be afraid: those who are with us are more than those who are with them," and when the servant did not understand, his master prayed that the Lord would give him the power to see their protectors. And God opened his eyes, and he saw that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire about Elisha. When Benhadad's soldiers came forward to arrest him, Elishah again prayed to God to afflict them with blindness, and the blindness came. Then Elisha deceived them, and told them he would take them to the man whom they sought. He led them to Samaria, where the prophet asked of the Lord that their eyes be opened, and when they saw again, they were in Samaria and in the hands of the king of Israel. The king was much pleased, and asked eagerly if he should slay them. Elisha replied that he should not kill them, he would not kill helpless captives if he had taken them in battle. "Give them something to eat and let them go home to their master." So a feast was set before them, and they were allowed to go home. This act of mercy was the cause of the ceasing of the Syrian attacks upon Israel.

Shreveport, La.,
July 7, 1937

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Are you enjoying the nice summer weather? I have been having a wonderful time teaching study courses and working in revivals the past five weeks. This week I am working in a church where they have no kind of organizations—not even a Sunday school. The people seem very anxious to make a beginning though.

Last week I had twenty-five junior boys and girls in one of my classes and several of them were saved during the week. They had never had a B. Y. P. U. in the church for the junior ages. Some of the children had been so eager to take part that they wanted to join the Senior Union. After completing the training course in that church, a Junior B. Y. P. U. was organized and now they are ready to start to work for the Lord.

I hope every one is enjoying the summer's work as much as I. Don't forget to pray for me because I need your prayers.

Love and best wishes,
Mildred Mixon

Olive Branch, Miss.,
July 8, 1937

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

Our daily vacation Bible school has come to a close. Everyone attending knows the Bible better now. Stories of Daniel, Samuel and others were told. Our teachers were kind and never did scold. We liked to sing, also to play. We were just happy to be there every day. And when June of next year rolls 'round we are wanting another vacation Bible school in our town.

Your friend,
Margaret E. Henley

Vacation school is pleasant, and good for summer days, and I am glad you liked it, and are so full of praise.

Olive Branch, Miss.,
July 8, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

One of my Jeannie Lipsey Club members has gone away; left us just one month ago today. She enjoyed our page and the things we'd

do, and through me gave to our two causes, too. She liked the song "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." I'm thinking of her there now under God's care, and with such a great Physician as He, I know she is getting well fast for me. But I miss her so since she went away, for she was my grandmother (Ma I'd say).

My Jeannie Lipsey Club dues I am sending you, my little sister, Margaret, is joining the "quarter-to-two" club.

With love,
Fannie Mae Henley

How grateful you must be that you had dear Ma so long! May thoughts of her go with you, like an oft remembered song.

Pittsboro, Miss.,
July 9, 1937

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I am not a member of your club, but my brother and I have a little money to send you. We have the Lord's tenth, so I am sending you fifty-five cents and my brother is sending thirty-two cents, for the orphans. We worked as hard as we could, and earned it ourselves. We hope you and your club good wishes.

James Allen Ellard
Charles Allen Ellard

Of course, I might be mistaken, but I think I know you two little boys. Weren't you with your father and mother when they lived here in Clinton? I'm surely pleased to get your letter, and the money, which will certainly go to the orphans. This doesn't belong to any club; but I should think that that club we have which we call "the quarter-to-two club" would suit you boys exactly. If any one has twenty-five cents, or a quarter, to give to our work, and sends it to us every month, half of it goes to the orphans, and half to our B. B. I. girl in New Orleans, so we call it the "quarter-to-two club."

Talk about this to your father and mother, and see how they would like this for you. And I'm so glad to get this money you sent for the orphans.

Vaiden, Miss.,
July 8, 1937.

Dear Mrs. Lipsey:

I haven't written you in a good while but I have a little donation to send, so I will write a letter.

Rebecca Ely, my friend, and I went to camp at Castalian Springs, and had a good time. We enjoyed playing games and swimming along with class work.

I am planning a visit to Arkansas and Greenwood, Miss., before the summer is over.

We enjoy the Record and my grandmother, Mrs. W. J. Tardy, does too, especially your page.

I was in Jackson Monday of this week and we wanted to go to the Orphanage but we went so many places and we couldn't do everything in one day that we would have liked to have done.

I think your page is fine and may God bless you.

Love,
Marguerite Dulin

I'm glad you had the "donation" to give, not only because it is needed, but because it brought us your letter, too, and that was also needed. Thank you for both. You seem to be having a fine time this vacation. And thank you most of all for your wish for me.

B. T. ATTENDANCE JULY 18TH

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Clarksdale, First Church	115
Indianola, First Church	78
West Point, First Church	81
Laurel, First Church	112
Laurel, West Church	145
Laurel, Wausau Church	40

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S. S. ATTENDANCE JULY 18TH

Jackson, First Church	650
Jackson, Calvary Church	634
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	533
Jackson, Davis Memorial	146
Jackson, Parkway Church	133
Jackson, Northside Church	79
Magee Baptist Church	164
Vicksburg, First Church	301
Clarksdale, First Church	324
Morton, Springfield Church	263
Indianola, First Church	157
West Point, First Church	243
Laurel, First Church	343
Laurel, West Church	364
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	238
Laurel, Wausau Church	65

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH Water Valley, Miss.

With three different edifices housing the Episcopal Church some eleven rectors have seen service in the church which is one of the oldest in the city.

Established on November 21, 1869, the first building, a frame structure, was removed some two blocks north of the present building. It was ravaged by fire and a second frame building was erected on the same spot. This building was demolished in 1918 and the present building consecrated the same year.

The Rev. A. F. Samuels, a seminary graduate, served as the first rector from 1869 to 1870. Following him in the order named were: Rev. F. A. Juny, W. W. DeHart, W. P. Browne, Geo. L. Nelde, E. A. Neville, C. D. Brown, and J. H. Boosey. The present rector, The Rev. E. Lucien Malone, has served as rector for the past three years, residing in Grenada.

Officers of the church include, superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. Fred Kendricks; president of the Woman's Missionary Society, Miss Lula Erickson; president of the Board of Trustees, Dr. L. S. Brown; president of the Board of Regents, Fred Kendricks.

Old members include Miss Lula Erickson, Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown, Dr. L. S. Brown, and Mr. Fred Kendricks.

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O teach me Lord, just what to say;
Friends of mine are lost in sin,
And cannot find their way.

"Few there are who seem to care,
And few there are who pray
Melt my heart and fill my life,
Give me one soul today."

Newton B. A. U. Moves Forward

We are happy to have a report from the Newton B. A. U. which shows splendid work being done. Mr. M. H. Rogers, the president, says that their programs are spiritual and all members are growing in grace. They have twenty members and Miss Kathryn Miley is the secretary.

Announcing the State Training Union Convention

Our interests turn to our State Training Union Convention. The First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, will be host to the convention and we shall be gathering there November 24th to remain through November 26th. This includes Thanksgiving day. Can you think of a better way of spending Thanksgiving than to spend it in a great spiritual meeting? Already the program is being made up and several outstanding Southwide workers engaged. Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus of Atlanta, and Dr. Frank H. Leavell of Nashville, are among those already secured.

A New Study Course Book for Juniors

How happy our Junior B. Y. P. U. members and leaders will be to know that we have a new study course book for our Juniors. "The Junior and His Church" is the title, by Geane A. Ropp. Every pastor and Junior leader will want to see that their juniors have the privilege of studying this book this summer. 40c from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

Pearl River Elects and Plans Summer Program

The Pearl River Baptist Training Union met in call meeting recently and elected officers for a new term. Rev. Charles Hamlet, III, of Picayune was elected as director to serve through the summer months. Mrs. C. C. Barefoot of Poplarville was elected as associate director, and Mr. F. B. Hall of Picayune was elected to the office of secretary. Miss Lizzie McSween, one of our State B. T. U. summer workers, led in the plans and reports that all present pledged their support in the program of enlargement this summer. We are happy to see this extension program getting under headway in Pearl River and hope it may be possible for them to report every church engaged in an enlargement campaign this summer.

mer. Mr. Hamlet is giving his time throughout the summer months toward making this possible. Juniper Grove and Rowlands have already reported a good training school each. Several new unions have been organized within the last few months and so the leaders are feeling good over the prospects of a 100 per cent Baptist Training Union Association.

First Baptist, Jackson, Fellowship Union

The Fellowship B. Y. P. U. in First Church, Jackson, is a Senior B. Y. P. U. made up of the younger Seniors with Mrs. Carothers serving as counselor, and Myrtis Foster president. We are indebted to the corresponding secretary, Marguerite Stogner, for a report that shows every member of this union assigned to some place of responsibility in the organization, all of which gives these members an opportunity for definite training in church membership.

One of their members, Miss Cary Flinn, represented the union in the Senior speaking contest at the district convention held in Jackson July 1st, and she made a mighty good talk we all agreed. Mr. Owen Cooper is director of the Training Union of First Church and is leading in a splendid program.

Jackson County Elects Officers

Dr. J. E. Barnes, secretary and treasurer of the Jackson County Associational Training Union, reports the election of officers and plans for the new year. Mr. R. E. Lynn of Pascagoula is the new director. Mr. Lynn is also director of his own church B. T. U. and is interested and willing to do his best. The new associate director is Mr. Bryan Bilbo, Fountainbleau church. He will also serve as group director of the group west of the river. Group director for east of the river is Mr. Earl Perkins of East Moss Point church. Pianist, Miss Gladys Quin of Pascagoula; departmental leaders, B. A. U., Mrs. R. E. Faggard, Wade; Senior, Mr. Linwood Johansson, Moss Point, First Church; Intermediate, Mr. Lazelle Byrd, Fountainbleau church, Junior, Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Ocean Springs; Story Hour, Miss Nell Thompson, Moss Point First; Dr. J. E. Barnes, Ocean Springs, secretary and treasurer. With this group of interested workers Jackson County ought to set a pace for other associations.

All who attended the assembly week before last agreed that it was high tide all the way through. The speakers, teachers, conference leaders and music directors seemed to be at their best. Mr. Bass did not forget that Thursday night was the time for the big "Cutting Scrape" and did we have a big one! And

were those watermelons good! Sorry for those of you who had to miss the assembly. It's worth beginning now to save for, and costs so little in comparison to other vacation trips. Plan to be there in 1936.

HISTORY OF WATER VALLEY SCHOOLS

By Prof. J. N. Bell

Starting in 1866 in a little one room building, the Water Valley Public School system has progressed from this humble start to an institution which embraces today two large modern buildings, and a faculty numbering twenty-one.

The first term of public school in Water Valley began during the spring of 1866 in a building northwest of the present grammar school building; this lot was also the original plot of ground on which stood our first Baptist church.

The faculty numbered three persons: Mr. O. J. Hendricks, principal; Miss Molly Ivy and Miss Alice Williams, teachers.

Autumn found the site of the school changed to a new building. This change was effective in increasing the number of students, as the new building standing on the lot now occupied by our present grammar school was much larger.

The school served a double purpose. The upstairs was used as a meeting place for our first local Masons, and only the ground floor was utilized for educational purposes.

In 188 students for the first time became eligible for graduation; the class consisted of twenty-two members. The ceremony was held in the old Opera House. Mr. McFarland was principal.

Fire destroyed this building in 1906, and the school was moved to the northern end of the town to the building previously occupied by Hamilton College. This served as temporary quarters, however, for in 1908 the present grammar school building was completed. Amid much ceremony and celebration this building was formally opened in April of that year. Mr. Trawick was at that time superintendent.

Later, however, because of crowded conditions a primary and ele-

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mentary department was re-established in the Hamilton College building. This department was maintained for eight years, and was under the guidance of Miss Loula Erikson. Later this building was torn down and the material was taken to build a school for negroes.

In 1923 construction was begun on our present high school building under the direction of Supt. I. J. Marrs, and it was completed in 1925. Our high school was first affiliated in 1921. Today we have a rating of A.

Superintendents who have served during the entire life of our school are listed in order mentioned:

O. J. Hendricks, Capt. S. B. Brown, Prof. Panky, Prof. Drake, Prof. J. R. Preston, Prof. R. F. Preston, Prof. McBeath, Prof. Elliott, Prof. McFarland, Prof. W. A. Belk, Prof. Fant, Prof. Corbly, Prof. J. W. Bell, Prof. Phelan, Prof. Varm, Prof. Trawick, Prof. Consley, Prof. C. S. Bigham, Prof. Cox, Prof. Martin Hemphill, Prof. Guy D. Dean, Prof. I. J. Marrs, and Prof. J. N. Bell.

SHOULD I FORGET TO PRAY!

The bow is bent!—the arrow gleaming!

The souls of men the prey:
Who know, as I, the awful meaning
Should I forget to pray?

The bow I hold deals death, or life,
In one fleet moment's time!
If I should choose the arrow strife,
The choice alone is mine.

But if I choose the dart of Love
(The choice the same is mine),
I merely look to One above,
And do the thing that's fine!
Brandon, Miss. —Horace G. Hill

The vicar was taking to task one of the young members of his flock. "William," he said, "I hear that you have been raising false hopes in several maiden hearts. If rumor does not lie, you are engaged to one girl in this village, another in Little Mudford, and a third in Ditchley. How do you come to do such a thing?"

"Why, parson," he exclaimed, "I've got a bicycle."—Ex.

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HISTORY OF MASONIC BODIES OF WATER VALLEY, MISS.

By T. Olin Gore, Jr.

Dates of charters:

Valley City Lodge No. 402, F. & A. M.—February 15, 1889.

McConcio Chapter No. 96, R. A. M.—May 23, 1868.

J. J. Melton Council No. 50, R. & S. M.—May 24, 1890.

St. Cyr Commandery No. 6, K. T. (originally chartered at Grenada)—January 25, 1867.

Water Valley Chapter No. 5, O. E. S.—May 29, 1906.

Among those who were charter members of the bodies were the following:

W. E. Benson, W. C. Shackelford, M. D. L. Stephens, Z. D. Jennings, D. T. Fry, J. E. Backstrom, Eli Murray, J. M. Taylor, G. D. Brown, W. A. Hadaway, W. H. Biles, E. F. Christy, C. B. Gant, J. B. Pate, J. K. Fulson, and several others whose names cannot be distinguished from the charters.

Present officers (Valley City Lodge):

C. A. Hale, Worshipful Master.
G. L. Gafford, Senior Warden.
J. W. Hamner, Jr., Junior Warden.
O. T. Hamner, Treasurer.
T. O. Gore, Secretary.
J. E. Eldridge, Senior Deacon.
L. G. Simpson, Junior Deacon.
J. L. Edgar, Tyler.

Past Masters (Valley City Lodge):

V. R. Coker, J. H. Cooper, D. D. Crowson, T. Q. Ellis, W. W. Frost, J. L. Edgar, T. O. Gore, Sr., T. O. Gore, Jr., O. T. Hamner, D. H. Halliwell, J. E. Hale, R. W. Helms, B. C. McCullar, and K. R. Sissell.

In 1925, Water Valley had the distinction of producing the youngest Grand Master Mississippi has ever had, in the person of Tom Q. Ellis. K. R. Sissell was also Senior

Grand Deacon the same year. In the year 1941 T. O. Gore, Sr., will be elevated to the post of Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Mississippi. In February 1937 T. O. Gore, Jr., was elected by the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, Royal Arch Masons, to the office of Grand Lecturer, to succeed William H. Carter, who passed away in July, 1936. G. D. Brown was also a Past Grand Commander, Knights Templar. Freemasonry has always flourished in Water Valley, from the date of its organization in the community, more than half a century ago. The original lodge hall was located in the old Simmons building. In 1921, bonds were floated and provision was made to erect the beautiful temple which now stands on North Main. Those who have visited other lodges throughout the state make the assertion that Water Valley's Temple is second to none, the larger towns not excepted. The membership of Valley City Lodge now totals 163, the Royal Arch Chapter 68, the Council 55, and the Commandery 78, due to the fact that St. Cyr Commandery's jurisdiction extends to the Tennessee line.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS Water Valley Lodge No. 82

(The following, written by Noble Grand L. J. Crumby, is submitted for use in the local edition of the Baptist Record, with thanks by the local lodge for the opportunity.)

Water Valley Lodge of Odd Fellows is among the oldest institutions and organizations in Water Valley, having been active continuously since 1867. This good order has escaped the observation of but few who may have come and gone during these years, because her fruits are worthy as well as noticeable. This lodge enjoys the confidence of the leading people of the section, because the practice of friendship, love, and truth has produced a most congenial atmosphere.

It has gained a substantial increase in membership during the past year, with 65% growth noted during the time. It is still going strong in membership addition.

The lodge seeks to serve not merely its own members, but it is willing in reality to be the Good Samaritan, and always rejoices in the privilege of helping some one on in life. This lodge has fed many hungry people in their distress, has cared for the sick, provided for widows and orphans, assisted young people in worthy ideals and in attending college. A visiting committee has gone out to visit shut-ins, render programs for them of scriptural reading, prayers, and songs, cheering and blessing the less fortunate. Its membership is interested in and supports everything that may make life better.

This city sees a new day for Odd Fellowship, with its own J. J. Birdsong as Grand Master of the State of Mississippi, because we know him and believe in him, and will follow his leading.

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WATER VALLEY JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Bill Trusty—President.
Harris Samuels—Vice-President.
K. R. Cofer—Sec.-Treas.

This civic body, since its organization some eight years ago, has stood in the foreground of Water Valley's development and progress. This club is composed of a majority of our city's most progressive and wide-awake young business men; men with a vision, men who have faith in their city's future, and who have the conviction that we have a veritable gold mine beneath our feet; that through energetic and persistent effort we can utilize the wealth of our fertile soil and build for ourselves a city second to none in the land. This club stands squarely behind our governor's program to balance agriculture with industry.

The Water Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce was the second club of this kind to be organized within our state, and the first to affiliate with the national organization. It has doubtless been through their example, their success and their benefits to our community, that many other clubs have been recently organized throughout the state.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in doing a number of worthwhile things for its city and vicinity, individually and collectively its members have accomplished much. Our Community Auditorium is a work of their

hands, while our Watermelon Carnival is perhaps its most outstanding accomplishment. Six years ago a member conceived the idea of the carnival, it was accepted by the club, and has since been planned and carried out largely through the efforts of these progressive young men. Today there is scarcely a hamlet that has not heard of the little city nestled in the valley where the watermelons grow, and that does not know about the Watermelon Carnival celebrated there each season.

AT WORK

Miss Eugenia Waring, Pinckneyville, Ill., sophomore at Blue Mountain College, is engaged in Christian education class work at Pinckneyville and Marion, Ill., for the summer and has been elected pianist of the Illinois Baptist Training Union Convention.

Miss Leila Lyle Wilkinson, Waxhaw, Miss., has been engaged as counselor for the summer for Kamp Ki-Y for girls ten to eighteen years of age, conducted by the Washington County (Ark.) Y. M. C. A., located in the Cappel Valley near Hot Springs, Ark.

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WATER OPPORT

By Bram
Editor North

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WATER VALLEY'S OPPORTUNITIES

By Bramwell Davis
Editor North Mississippi Herald

Water Valley has emerged from the depression and other misfortunes with head up, jaw set and a firm determination to go ahead. Her people are progressive, public spirited and active. It takes this to build a thriving city. That, chiefly, is why the city is steadily going forward.

The writer decided to locate here a little more than a year ago, and feels that the decision was wise. The spirit of the people is impressive and encouraging. Their mayor, Hon. W. E. Blackmur, might be called a super-progressive.

With the idea of establishing here numerous factories of an attractive character, every one, including the mayor, is at work just now to get cheap and inexhaustible electric power installed by the Tennessee Valley Authority—and they will get it. A splendid municipal power and light plant already exists, but is not deemed sufficient for the future.

Located on the high, central ridge of the state, between two ranges of hills with springs bursting from their sides, gives the city its name. The water supply, in quality, is unsurpassed and is apparently ample for many years to come.

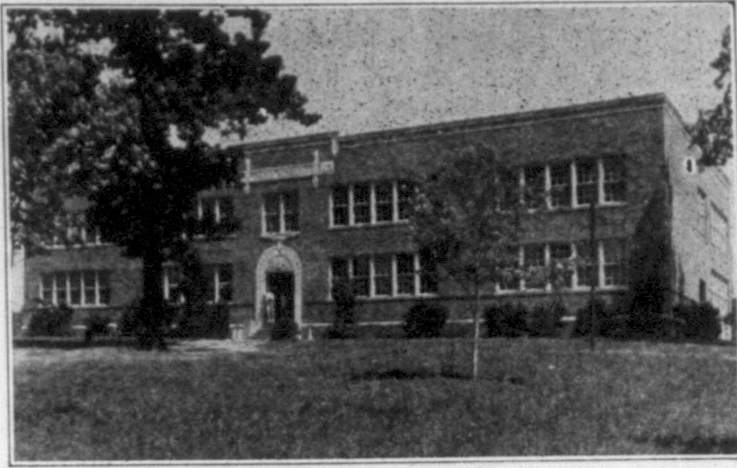
Always looking to the future, the larger stores have beautified their fronts with modern plate glass entrances and have increased their interior areas. This kind of work is continuing steadily and daily. New streets are being laid out and improved. Two handsome and fully equipped playground parks, flood-lighted for night games now adorn the city.

One of the products of the excellent school system is a brass band, composed of both boys and girls, who have developed remarkable talent under the efficient instruction and leadership of Miss Chloe Lufkin. There is a well kept nine-hole golf course and it is well patronized.

One point to be stressed is the good health of the community, even though there is a good hospital and several prosperous physicians. What lends to good health, in addition to the unexcelled water, is the splendid sewerage system, with outlet into the swift flowing O'Tuckalofa Canal.

After strenuous efforts to bring it about, Highway Seven, passing through the city, north and south, is being surfaced with blacktop and will soon be completed, with outlet into the north and east, via Bolivar and Jackson, Tenn.

But what makes the future bright for Water Valley is the spirit of its people, the progressiveness of its civic organizations, Junior Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, and the determination of city officials and the citizenry in general to make this a better place in which to live. When you locate in Water Valley you will love the place. To come here is to become a booster.



WATER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Water Valley, Miss. By Rev. R. I. Long

Back in the thirties before the trail of the Indian in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, has become extinct, a few hardy pioneers, mostly from North Carolina, opened settlements on both sides of O'Tuckalofa Creek in that county. They brought their religion with them and as might be expected they were not content until they had erected a house of worship. This was brought about largely through the efforts of Rev. Angus Johnson who began preaching once a month to this little band of Christians in June 1843. They resolved to build in August and ere the close of September the house was ready for use, and a petition had been sent to Presbytery asking that a Presbyterian church be organized. This petition was not favorably received, but the Presbytery reluctantly appointed Rev. James Weatherby and one of his elders to visit the field, and if in their opinion it was judicious, to organize the church, Oct. 14, 1843, as requested by the petitioners. Whether Mr. Weatherby and his elder thought it injudicious, or otherwise, the record does not state, but we are told that they did not reach this little band of Christians on the day appointed. However, Rev. Angus Johnson was present, and though not yet a member of that Presbytery, (then in Chickasaw, now in North Mississippi Presbytery) proceeded to organize a church and named it Otuckaloffa. Two elders, James M. Morrison and Robert Nichol, were elected, ordained, and installed and at the next meeting of the Presbytery the Rev. A. Johnson and the church were both received under its care.

This church was organized with seventeen members and as their descendants and kinsfolk are scattered all over the South, some preachers, some elders and deacons and nearly all consistent members of the church, their names are given as follows:

J. M. Morrison, Peter Johnson, W. A. Morrison, Jane Nichol, M. D. Gardner, R. H. Morrison, Jane E. Morrison, Wm. M. Giles, Mary A. S. Johnson, Robert Nichol, H. J. Gardner, L. A. Morrison, Mary E. Morrison, Eliza Morrison, M. J. Morrison, Lucinda Giles and C. E. Cloud.

The church was served by Mr. Johnson as Stated Supply till the close of the year 1848. Rev. Lewis

M. Neely was Stated Supply for one year, 1849. Early in 1850 Mr. Johnson again began to preach to this congregation and was installed as its first pastor, Sept. 26, 1850, and continued as such till 1859. (The editor of this history is informed that Mr. Johnson continued the work of the ministry, building and organizing churches until he was nearly 100 years of age.) Since the pastorate of Mr. Johnson, the following ministers have served this church either as pastor or stated supply.

Rev. E. C. Davidson, pastor, 1860-1878.

Rev. J. W. Roseborough, stated supply, 1878-1880.

Rev. S. I. Reid, stated supply, 1881-1882.

Rev. H. M. Sydensticker, pastor, 1883-1885.

Rev. J. D. Leslie, pastor, 1886-1893.

Rev. B. H. Dupuy, pastor, 1894-1898.

Rev. J. E. Hobson, pastor, 1898-1922.

Rev. P. M. Watson, pastor, 1923-1925.

Rev. J. S. Sibley, pastor, 1925-1927.

Rev. O. M. Anderson, pastor, 1927-1934.

From its organization the membership continued to grow steadily and at the close of the year 1850 had increased to 130. During this year 18 members were dismissed to organize a church in Lafayette County known as Sand Springs which has continued to grow and is today a power for good in that community.

On Sept. 21, 1850, the name of the church was changed from Otuckaloffa to Water Valley which name it still bears.

In 1866 the old house of worship was sold and a new one erected on Main Street on the present site. This building was a large two-story frame structure well built and durable. There the congregation worshipped until January 8, 1896, when this house was destroyed by fire. Immediately afterwards steps were taken to build the present house, which is a large brick building

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capable of seating, when all of its rooms are thrown together, about 800 people.

The membership of the church increased to approximately 300, when the removal of the I. C. Railroad shops from Water Valley caused the removal of many of the members. After a period of adjustment for both town and church, we are again increasing our strength for the Lord's work. The church has been blessed with able and consecrated ministers with many noble and godly elders and deacons. Many pious and earnest Christians have been reared under its influence, some of whom are preaching the Gospel in other fields.

An April 12, 1891, a Mission Sunday school was organized in the northern part of the city under the pastorate of Rev. J. D. Leslie. Elder J. W. McCorkle was its first superintendent. This was the first specific, aggressive missionary work undertaken by the church, disclosed by the records. This school and a night school with it were maintained for years, furnishing the only educational advantage for some.

During the pastorate of Rev. J. E. Hobson a Sunday school north of Water Valley about 3 and one half miles was organized. This has become a church of over 100 members. Another Sunday school was organized about four miles south of Water Valley which also grew into a church with a present membership of about 100.

The church for years supported a missionary on the foreign field.

Under the present pastorate another Sunday school with regular preaching services has been organized about seven miles west of Water Valley. Promising work is being done in this field. In every case these fields of outlying work have been carried forward by faithful members of the Water Valley Church. Rev. R. I. Long, Jr., is serving the Water Valley church and is preaching each Sunday afternoon in these three country fields. The membership of the Water Valley church is about 250 at the present time. The membership on the field is 445 with no count being made of the people served in the new Sunday school.

In looking back, we are thankful for our goodly heritage and the splendid work done by all those who have gone on before. We send our greetings to former members and ministers and the sons and daughters of the church scattered far and wide, even to foreign lands. We look ahead, joining hands with all who will to build for the kingdom of our Saviour. Greetings in the name of the First Presbyterian Church of Water Valley.

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By A. L. Goodrich, Circulation Mgr.

GOING PLACES

Holcomb

We were privileged to do the preaching for the Holcomb church in their annual revival meeting.

Rev. Jas. B. Ray is the pastor and we haven't seen finer cooperation and fellowship as well as "fellowship" anywhere. Ray has the real shepherd-heart. Having recently graduated from Mississippi College, he moved on the field and is being a real pastor.

There were 13 additions.

Most commendable is the fine cooperation between the Methodist and Baptist churches. Pastor Gibson of the Methodist church as well as many of his flock were real regulars.

Our headquarters were at the pastor's home and Pastor Ray and wife are hosts supreme.

We also had the privilege of the hospitality of the following homes: Bill Simpson, W. H. Martin, Vester Philips, A. G. Williams, Paul Hayden, Gill Gray, Mrs. Bettie Knight, A. W. Hammons, and B. K. Brown.

Grenada County's subscribers are listed as follows: Graysport 2; Grenada 27, and 6 R. F. D.; Holcomb 9; Elliott 4.

Brooksville

Dr. Guy Winstead hasn't been back in Mississippi very long but he certainly is backing the Record as 11 subscriptions which he recently sent in proves.

Concord Church—Noxubee County

Rev. Thos. F. Stroud is the pastor and probably the "biggest" pastor in the county (225). Brother Stroud is a pastor who believes in doing more than just preaching and looking. Wherever he goes, so does the Record.

Concord church is proud of its B. T. U. which is standard.

Recently 80 of 82 enrolled in Sunday school were present.

All organizations are doing good work and the finances are in good shape.

A church debt of some age will be paid this fall.

Pastor Stroud liked the every family plan so well that he assured us of its adoption which has since been done.

Noxubee County's subscribers are as follows: Brooksville 13; Shuqualak 4; Macon 7; Mashulaville 3; Gholson Springs 1; Concord Church 32.

An Appreciative Reader

Enclosed find check for another year's subscription to the Baptist Record.

We do enjoy the Record, and as it is our only direct contact with Baptists, it means a lot to us. The nearest Baptist church is twenty-six miles and is very inconvenient for us to worship there. This next Sunday we are to have the pleasure of being with Chester Swor at Brad-dock Heights, Maryland, at the Maryland assembly.

Thinking you for your faithfulness

HISTORY OF WATER VALLEY

(Continued from page 9)

banks, the Bank of Water Valley, organized in 1882, and The Mechanics Savings Bank, organized in 1892. The two banks have combined resources of \$1,600,000.00.

The city boasts of a cooperage mill, planing mill, machine and tin shops, ice factory, steam laundry, handle factory, Kraft cheese plant, a creamery, a small but thriving garment plant, an up-to-date bakery, electric gin, feed mill, grist mills. The city has a splendid hospital owned and operated by Dr. George A. Brown. Two modern hotels and about fifty business houses.

Water Vallians are believers in good schools and churches. We have two Methodist churches, a Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, Primitive Baptist, Episcopal and Catholic church. A separate grammar and high school are maintained and annually turn out large classes of graduates who have ranked high in our universities and colleges.

The colored race comes in for their share with a nice brick school and several churches. Our colored population are for the most part a quiet and respectable class and do their part toward maintaining the high standard of law and order, of which our city is justly proud.

Above all, in the writer's judgment, the best recommendation a town can have is the quality of its citizenship. Go where you may, you will not find a finer class of people—they are good neighbors and friends; cooperative, kind and true; courageous, staunch and with hearts of gold.

If you are not satisfied with where you are, try Water Valley—in every way it is a grand place to make your home!

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH Water Valley, Miss.

Organized in 1868 the First Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Water Valley, survived the privations of the carpetbag regime, emerging with flying colors to record a rise which now ranks it with the leading churches of the state.

The first building was a frame affair located on Wood Street, and found the Rev. W. W. Pearson serving as its first pastor.

The present edifice was erected in 1907, with the Rev. W. W. Woodward serving a four year tenure as its first pastor.

Some 500 members are enrolled with the following church officers serving at the present time: Sunday school superintendent, Mr. J. A. Fair; assistant secretary, Bluford McCullar; secretary, K. R. Sissell; president Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. W. B. Barry; president Board of Stewards, I. J. Marrs; president Board of Trustees, J. L. Edgar; supervisor Senior League, Miss Hallie Prather; supervisor Junior League, Miss Lillian Walker.

The present pastor, Rev. T. H. Dorsey, is completing his seventh

in giving us such a fine paper.

I am respectfully,

Mrs. M. R. Carpenter
Hancock, Maryland.

year as pastor of the church, having returned some two years ago on a second pastorate, following a four year stay some fifteen years ago.

Old members include: Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Barry, Judge and Mrs. J. G. McGowan, Mr. Archie Smith, Mrs. Hattie Greer, Miss Clara McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Sissell, Mr. Afton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Berryhill and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harvey.

AN ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK

By Louis J. Bristow, Supt.

He walked into my office and handed me a letter and a copy of the minutes of his association. The letter was signed by the pastor and deacons of a church in southeast Alabama, and stated that the man was too poor to pay any hospital bills, but needed hospitalization dreadfully. The minutes indicated that the old man was clerk of the Baptist association in his section. A few questions indicated the man had suffered years from cancer. A specialist took him in hand. I feared the suffered had waited too long; but the surgeon told me yesterday he hoped for the best, though, of course, a complete cure may not be expected. Anyhow, that man is here in the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, far from his home and loved ones (his wife is an invalid). He will be here a long time. Neither he nor his church

can pay his bill—the necessary cost of his care. This hospital has no regular income with which to help poor folk. It is an agency of the churches for ministering to the sick. We are dependent upon voluntary gifts. And this poor man of whom I am writing is only one of more than a score of such patients in this hospital today.

New Orleans.

Miss Inabelle Coleman, publicity secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, is starting on a tour of the mission fields, sailing on S. S. Europa July 23rd, and returning Oct. 2. She will attend the Youth Congress at Zurich, Switzerland, held under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance. Her expenses are paid by some special friends of missions.

Pastor Millard Jenkins of First Church, Abilene, Texas, will spend his vacation in August traveling by car and preaching from Richmond, Virginia, through Boston up into Nova Scotia, Canada, preaching at Calvary Church, N. Y., as he returns.

Rooms are being reserved at Hillman much more rapidly this spring than in recent years. More room deposits have already been received than were on hand two months later than this last year, although last year was the best since the depression began.

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